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L.A. King Anze Kopitar chases down a loose puck while being chased by Vancouver Canuck Daniel Sedin in Game 1 of the Western Conference quarter-finals Thursday at GM Place. The Canucks won 3-2 in overtime. More coverage, page 24.

Opening game thriller

Fans ride emotional roller-coaster on way to Canucks win

With the Lower Mainland sweating a mean bout of playoff fever, Metro reporter Weston Steele checks out three Downtown bars in three-and-a-half periods to watch the Vancouver Canucks edge the Los Angeles Kings 3-2 in overtime.

Period 1:

Here we go, Game 1 and Doolins Irish Pub is ready to rock the first period.

It isn't packed yet but by the time the first goal goes in, the place explodes. A series of huge hits gets the game going, but back-and-forth action keeps the crowd animated. Roberto Luongo's first big save elicits a series of "Luu" chants.

Under five minutes to go in the first and still no score. Steve Wheatley, a Montreal Canadiens fan, just saw his Habs upset the high-flying Washington Capitals and would like nothing more than an all-Canadian sweep tonight.

"It's going to be a good grinding effort and we'll see," says Wheatley.

Not three minutes later, the Canucks get the game's first power play and start buzzing the net, but no dice, they come up empty.

Period 2:

The air is sucked out of the Keg in Yaletown when the Kings score the first goal 54 seconds into the period. Two minutes later the place erupts in jubilation as Mikael Samuelsson scores first goal on the Canucks' second power play.

And then there's a beauty, as Daniel Sedin backhands the puck over John Quick after receiving a patented feed from brother Henrik nearly halfway through the period. The Sedins are on tonight and the fans want a blowout, but the Kings are hanging on.

It doesn't take long for the Kings to tie the game. Andrew Alberts slams Brad Richardson's head into the boards and receives a five-minute penalty. The Kings make quick work as Fredrik Modin buries it past Luongo and the bar gets even quieter.

The nervousness is evident, but Garfield Corbett is confident in the Canucks' depth and believes they just need solid goaltending from their $7-million man.

"The only question mark is Luongo," said Corbett. "As far as question marks go, that's not a bad one to have because if he catches fire, it's game over."

Period 3:

Here we go, third period. G Sports Bar and Grill on Davie puts the Keg and Doolins to shame with atmosphere. If you're not yelling, no one hears you and that's especially true on the Canucks' first power play of the period. Chance after chance, and cheer after cheer, the team can't put the puck in the cage.

A series of quality scoring chances with six minutes left trigger agonized groans when the puck seems to trickle just wide every shot.

The final few seconds solve nothing and fans are gearing up for overtime.

Less than nine minutes into the extra frame, the place erupts as Samuelsson nets his second of the night and the Canucks take Game 1.

WESTON STEELE/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Majority backs legalizing pot, survey finds

DRUGS Most Canadians would support the legalization of marijuana but not other drugs, according to an Angus Reid poll released Thursday.

The survey found that 53 per cent of us are in favour of sanctioned pot use, with British Columbians — at 61 per cent — being the most keen to see cannabis legalized. Albertans, at 59 per cent, and Ontarians, at 57 per cent, are the second- and third-most supportive Canadians.

Less than one in 10 respondents said they thought that other drugs — like ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and crystal meth — should be legalized.

Despite the support for marijuana use, 70 per cent of respondents said they back imposing mandatory minimum prison sentences and large fines for grow operators and drug dealers.

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New letter threatens oil, gas company

WARNING An anonymous letter warning that the "time-out is over" has been sent to local media in the heart of northeastern British Columbia's oil and gas country, where there have been six unsolved pipeline bombings.

The letter, which has been turned over to RCMP, warns that a "long and hot summer is coming."

It admonishes police and the area's main oil and gas company, saying their efforts have only united opponents.

"This land belongs to us and our children, not to you. You are the criminals, not us," it says.

"Get out of our homelands and stop poisoning us or face the consequences." Letter excerpt

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"Get out of our homelands and stop poisoning us or face the consequences."

The letter, which is typed and not handwritten as previous letters were, notes that there is no DNA evidence contained on it.

It is the fourth such letter, including one that police determined to be a hoax.

RCMP Sgt. Rob Vermeulen confirmed Thursday the letter has been turned over to police and investigators are trying to determine whether it is from the same person who sent the previous notes.

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Fire puts kibosh on nuptials

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A half dozen couples hoping to say "I do" on Burnaby Mountain this spring saw their wedding plans go up in smoke on Thursday when a fire gutted part of Horizons Restaurant.

The fire broke out in the kitchen of the fine dining restaurant sometime overnight and wasn't discovered until the chef saw smoke billowing from the roof as he drove up the hill at around 7 a.m.

Geoffrey Howes, who operates the restaurant, said it will take about three months to repair the damage.

"It's bad timing. We're going into the summer," Howes said.

"It's bad timing. We're going into the summer."
Geoffrey Howes, restaurateur

"Between now and Aug. first we won't be doing our weddings.

"The good news is we have the other two restaurants and we're going to be calling all of our bookings today, trying to relocate them."

Howes said he hopes Salmon House in West Vancouver and Aqua Riva in Vancouver — both of which have sweeping views, like Horizon does — will be able to accommodate the bookings.

"We'll make it up to all the customers. We're not in the business of disappointing people."

Howes said the fire was probably started by electrical wiring in the walls of the kitchen.

He said it's lucky it broke out overnight because no one was in the restaurant, but added that if someone had been there, the fire might not have been as bad.

Police on alert for convicted sex offender

CRIME Vancouver Police are on the hunt for a convicted pedophile wanted on a Canada-wide warrant after he failed to return to his halfway house. Gerald Richard McLean, 41, is on statutory release for sexually assaulting children.

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News in brief

ASSAULT Police are warning the public after a woman was sexually assaulted at knifepoint in her home. The victim was attacked just before midnight on April 13 at her home near 92 Avenue and 124 Street. No suspect was found.

PARKS The City of Surrey officially opened the Bear Creek Park exercise circuit on Thursday as part of a provincial pilot program to use recycled rubber surfacing at public venues. Funding came in part from Tire Stewardship B.C.

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A dead gray whale lies on the beach Thursday in West Seattle. It's reportedly the fifth dead gray whale found this month.

Necropsy planned for beached whale

NATURE Scientists plan to perform a necropsy on a gray whale that was found beached near Seattle on Thursday, the fifth malnourished whale of that species to have washed up on the West Coast in 10 days.

One of the gray whales washed up near Sooke on April 3, and was removed after people started taking pieces of its flesh home as souvenirs.

Lance Barrett-Lennard, head of the Vancouver Aquarium's Cetacean Research Program, said it's not uncommon for six or seven gray whales to die of starvation toward the end of their northern migration each spring.

He said the mammals fast for the entirety of their migration from Alaska to Mexico and back — a journey that begins in the fall and ends in the spring.

"If they have a poor feeding year, then this is the time of year when they run out of (steam) and we start to see mortalities," he said.

"The number (of fatalities) this year are a little higher than usual but not catastrophically so."

Barrett-Lennard added that humans likely had little impact on the food supply — or lack thereof — in the whales' Alaskan feeding grounds. "There are about 20,000 gray whales and some of them are going to die naturally every year," he said. "Some years are good and some are bad."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

B.C. Liberals worked on HST after vote: Docs

TAXES British Columbia's Liberal government started working on a harmonized sales tax just three days after winning last May's election, federal Access to Information documents show.

The documents obtained by The Canadian Press show bureaucrats from the B.C. Finance Ministry contacted federal Department of Finance tax officials on May 15 with an information request regarding the HST, which comes into effect on July 1.

B.C. Finance Minister Colin Hansen has said the Liberals didn't consider the HST until after the May 12 vote, but the documents show for the first time just how quickly the move toward the tax began. The documents include a May 15 email from the B.C. government's tax policy branch requesting information from the federal Department of Finance. Hansen said Thursday he has not seen the federal documents.

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B.C. Interior already struck by six wildfires

The wildfire season has already begun in B.C.'s Interior. Six fires have broken out in the Cariboo region and in the Kootenays. The largest fire is burning northwest of Prince George and is more than 150 hectares. No homes are nearby. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bringing bottoms to the top

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Lunchtime crowds were treated to a brief spectacle on Thursday as teams of runners wearing oversized underwear ran an obstacle course outside the Vancouver Art Gallery to raise awareness about cancer of the nether regions.

The event, put on by the B.C. Cancer Foundation, marked the kickoff to the Underwear Affair, an annual fundraiser and awareness campaign for cancers below the waist like prostate, ovarian and cervical cancers.

Talking about these types of cancers is still considered taboo among some families, so they often receive less attention and funding, said Monika Deol, member of the B.C. Cancer Foundation Board.

"The Underwear Affair aims to lift these taboos with a fun approach to fundraising," she said.

"(The event) not only raises awareness, but provides important new funding for research into all these cancers," added B.C. Cancer Agency medical oncologist Hagen Kennecke.

Participants don costumes and often underwear over their clothing for the five-kilometre walk or 10-kilometre run.

The fifth annual event will take place on July 10 in five Canadian cities, including Vancouver.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Erin Hanna, left, and Anna Kebaien laugh while trying to complete an obstacle course outside the Vancouver Art Gallery on Thursday. Teams were competing at the kickoff to the Underwear Affair fundraising campaign.

For more info, visit uncoverthecure.org.

News in brief

DROWNING The body of a 23-year-old Burnaby man, who drowned two weeks ago when his canoe capsized, has been recovered from Nanaimo River on Vancouver Island. The man, whose identity has not been released, was found by family members Wednesday evening. The family had continued to search the river in a small boat equipped with an underwater camera after a three-day search was called off earlier this month. The man capsized on April 3 near Bungy Zone. He was a strong swimmer, police said, but struggled in the water and slipped under.

ASSAULT A Langley man has been handed several assault-related charges after he allegedly pushed two Langley RCMP officers through a glass table when they tried to arrest him in February. RCMP were called to the Willoughby-area home over a domestic dispute.

DEATH Mounties believe a 40-year-old Langley man may have suffered a medical emergency just before his Ford Explorer veered into the ditch along Fraser Highway. Steen Andersen was declared dead at the scene. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ski, snowboard fest to feature 'superpipe'

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

WINTER SPORTS Whistler's annual Telus World Ski & Snowboard Festival will feature an Olympic-sized ski "superpipe" instead of its usual big air competition.

This year's change aims to address the fact that skiers were not included in the halfpipe contest in the Olympics, said Lisa Richardson, director of communications for the 15th annual event.

Shooting for it to become an Olympic sport for 2014, the superpipe was built and designed by Steve Petrie, who built the Olympic pipe.

With the top skiers — and potential future Olympians — from around the world coming to compete, the ski superpipe competition is "like a little window into the future to see who's going to be the next superstar," Richardson said.

The festival, where sports and art meet, runs for 10 days, offering a sick collection of music, contests, fashion shows, photography showdowns, film screening and even a dog parade. It's got Canada's largest outdoor concert series, and aims to attract people who left during the Olympics. Richardson said people are really excited to come out and be a part of the big gathering.

"We (thought we) were going to be the fizzle at the end of the winter," said Richardson. "It's really gone the other way, people are super pumped up."

"I think people will be partying harder than the Olympics."

The four-day anti-competition Grenade Games are expected to be the "crescendo of the festival" and will be followed by the DJ rave party afterwards, said Richardson.

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France's Candide Touex flies high during the superpipe competition at Blackcomb in 2006. The 15th annual Telus World Ski and Snowboard Festival begins Friday.

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Ambulance call-taker being honoured for aiding in baby's delivery

B.C. Ambulance Service call-taker Tara Beaubein will be awarded a "stork" award Friday for helping a man deliver a baby when his wife went into labour. With the Beaubein's help the father delivered the baby just prior to the paramedics' arrival. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Great steals at shoe sale

Army & Navy selling thousands of pairs for less than $50

For 60 years, hundreds of women have been flocking to Army & Navy for Canada's largest shoe sale.

Kicking off the spring season, the 12-day sale, which starts at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, is expected to draw the usual lineup around the block.

"We never thought it would become as big as it is," said Army & Navy president Jacqui Cohen. "Last year it grew 30 per cent from the year before."

More than 100,000 shoes are on sale this year. For $29.99 you can get your hands on Christian Audigier, Diesel and Steve Madden. Other big names include Gwyneth Paltrow, Rocketdog and Naughty Monkey, to name a few.

Piccini shoes, which retail for $125 to $200, will be on sale for $49.99 — the most expensive price in the sale.

If lining up before 8 a.m. isn't appealing, don't worry, as there will be new shoes arriving daily, with the shelves being replenished constantly throughout the day.

"It's just a frenzy," Cohen said. **LAURA FORTEY/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

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Army & Navy president Jacqui Cohen, at the Vancouver store on Thursday, prepares for the store's annual shoe sale.

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Airport workers could be locked out by Friday

LABOUR A group of unionized fuellers and mechanics at Vancouver International Airport could be locked out by midnight Friday.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada says Servisair, which provides jet fuel to Air Canada, WestJet and other airlines, issued a 72-hour lockout notice on Wednesday.

Kay Sinclair, the union's regional executive vice-president, says the notice is "unnecessarily provocative" while talks are underway with the help of a federal conciliator.

Sinclair says talks continue to be productive and it's "disrespectful" to airline passengers who may worry about flight disruptions.

Seventy-three Servisair workers have voted 93 per cent in favour of a strike to back contract demands ranging from wages to retirement benefits and other conditions.

Sinclair says the union will not serve strike notice while negotiations continue. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

APPEAL DROPPED The landlords of the West End's Seafield Apartments have dropped their appeal of a Supreme Court decision that denied a 38 per cent rent increase.

NOMINATION Peta2, the world's largest youth animal-rights organization, has nominated Vancouver's St. George's high school for its second annual poll of most "veg-friendly" cafeterias for its vegetarian-friendly food options. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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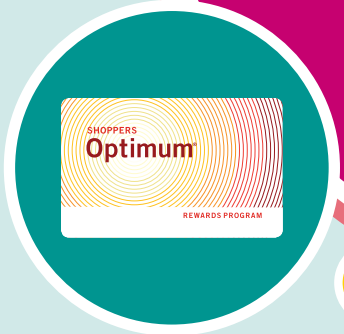

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Seedlings from New Brunswick take trip into space

A few small bits of New Brunswick — some white spruce seedlings from forestry giant J.D. Irving's Sussex tree nursery — are floating in space, having been carried to the International Space Station by the shuttle Discovery last week. Scientists will study the effect of gravity on them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bravo, Michaëlle

A new poll suggests more than half of Canadians think departing Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean has done a good or excellent job in office. But the poll also indicates less than half would like to see her term extended. She says she'll be leaving when her term expires in September.

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No wallflower

Guergis a hometown partygoer, source says

Helena Guergis may have nurtured the image of a straightlaced cabinet minister on Parliament Hill, but people who knew her in younger days paint a picture of a regular clubgoer often seen on the arm of a hometown playboy.

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Helena Guergis

It's similar to the picture being painted of Guergis by recent allegations that she and her husband Rahim Jaffer were photographed in a compromising situation with cocaine and hookers.

The allegations, and others related to offshore accounts, led to her expulsion from the the Conservative caucus as the RCMP was called in to investigate.

Much of the attention has been focused on Jaffer, but Guergis was no wallflower either.

Sources say Guergis was in a serious relationship in the late '90s with a well-known playboy in Barrie, Ont., a promoter who was a fixture in the local party scene and later owned a popular local strip club.

A source who knew both Shane Alkerton and Guergis well told The Canadian Press their love affair was a tumultuous "soap opera" that spanned many years, but ended before she entered politics.

A friend of Alkerton said Guergis was well-known as a "debutante" because of her wealthy, politically involved family.

Chris Beleskey said she was one of the only steady girlfriends the "wild guy" Alkerton had at the time, with a bevy of club "groupies" passing in and out of his life.

"Helena was the kind of girl that if she wanted to go somewhere, she didn't want to wait in line or anything."

Beleskey added he didn't see Guergis involved in drugs, but "she would come out to the clubs, and ... there were people doing drugs." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a memorial mass in Mississauga, Ont., Thursday.

Poland tragedy a 'cruel irony': PM

MASS The death of Poland's president and 95 others in a plane crash while en route to commemorate a Second World War massacre is a "cruel irony," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told thousands gathered for a remembrance mass Thursday.

"The fact that this tragic event took place so near Katyn and the marking of the 70th anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Poland's military, political and intellectual leadership is a cruel irony indeed," Harper said in Mississauga, Ont.

"Few countries in the world have endured so much, so often at the hands of unforgiving fate as has Poland. But fewer still have demonstrated so much resilience in response to hardship." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Investigating torture claims not my job: Senior officer

INQUIRY Defence headquarters looked into allegations of prisoner abuse in Afghanistan and determined that some names mentioned in a 2007 newspaper story matched those of detainees who went through Canadian custody, the Military Police Complaints Commission was told Thursday.

But the fact some names matched up was not enough to persuade a senior military police officer who led the investigation to look any deeper.

"It wasn't my responsibility as a military police officer to investigate allegations of the Afghan authorities allegedly ... mistreating their people," said Lt.-Col. Douglas Boot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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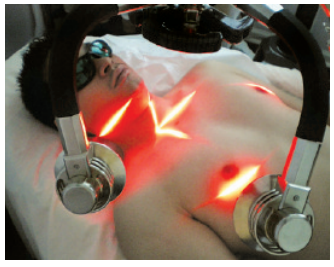
Elaine Aharon wanted to look her best. Not like a model or a movie-star—just fit and healthy. But even with regular exercise and a reasonable diet, the 53-year old seemed stuck. She still looked overweight, especially around her stomach.

Elaine solved her problem this year, when she saw an ad for a body-sculpting tool, called the Zerona laser. The ad announced a contest, with the winner receiving a free set of laser treatments at South Surrey, B.C.'s Semiamhoo Wellness Centre. Elaine entered and won.

On February 3, 2010, she laid down on a clinic table, her stomach exposed to the lenses of a multi-armed laser apparatus. Elaine relaxed for the next 40 minutes, watching red lights pinwheel over her skin. There was no pain. Nothing seemed different. However, there was actually a lot going on in her body.

"The Zerona laser does not heat or kill anything," explains Dr. Linda Drake, a pioneer of this treatment in Western Canada. "It simply makes a temporary pore in the fat cell wall, which repairs itself after 72 hours. This allows fat to seep out into the surrounding tissue, where it can be processed, then expelled by the body."



Patients like Elaine, having received six treatments at three-day intervals, along with a detoxification regimen, have achieved losses of between 8 and 12 inches from their bodies, with no known side effects.

That doesn't mean Zerona laser treatment is right for everyone. But for healthy people with a body mass index (BMI) under 35, treatment is available at two B.C. health clinics: the **Semiamhoo Wellness Centre, 604.535.4003**, and **The Foundation for Integrated Health, 604.988.7080**, located in North Vancouver.

Elaine sure has no regrets. By March 1—less than a month after her first treatment—she'd lost 9.5 inches. Finally, she looks as good as she feels.

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A salute to the Titanic

Members of United States Coast Guard International Ice Patrol carried wreaths at a Titanic memorial service in Halifax on Thursday. RMS Titanic hit an iceberg and sank on April 15, 1912 with the loss of 1517 lives. The wreaths will be dropped from their patrol aircraft over the North Atlantic on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada to the rescue?

Advocates say Canada could convince G8 countries to improve aid

New figures show G8 countries are well short of their development-aid commitments — but Canada can change that, aid advocates say.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development released numbers showing the Group of Eight rich countries are falling $18 billion short of keeping a promise to double aid to poor countries.

The shortfall is particularly deep for Africa, the OECD says. In 2005, the G8 promised to increase aid to Africa by $25 billion, but the continent will only receive about $11 billion based on recent commitments.

"All donors need to make the efforts necessary to meet their commitments."
Eckhard Deutscher, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

"All donors need to make the efforts necessary to meet their commitments," said Eckhard Deutscher, chair of the OECD's development assistance committee.

The G8 agreed in 2005 at the Gleneagles summit in Scotland that they would double their official development assistance by 2010, and dedicate a larger proportion of their aid to Africa.

Canada has largely lived up to its promises, and has put $5 billion toward aid in 2010-2011, said Jessica Fletcher, spokeswoman for International Development Minister Bev Oda.

"We come out looking better than most," agreed Dennis Howlett, national co-ordinator of Make Poverty History, an umbrella group of large non-governmental organizations in Canada.

That's why Canada should use its moral authority, as well as its control of the agenda as host of the next G8 summit, to pressure other countries to pay up, Howlett said.

Make Poverty History and representatives from other NGOs from around the world are meeting with G8 negotiators Friday in Vancouver.

They hope to pressure the member countries to live up to their aid commitments, despite the recent recession, and feel they can get Canada on their side, Howlett said.

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Wanda Robson shakes the hand of Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter after Nova Scotia apologized and granted a special pardon to Robson's sister, the late Viola Desmond.

Belated apology accepted

PARDON The government of Nova Scotia apologized and granted a special pardon Thursday to the late Viola Desmond, a black woman jailed in 1946 for sitting in a whites-only section of a segregated movie theatre.

Premier Darrell Dexter said he is sorry to Desmond's family and all black Nova Scotians for the racism she was subjected to in an incident he called unjust.

"This injustice has impacted not just Mrs. Desmond during her life and her family, but other African-Nova Scotians and all Nova Scotians who found and continue to find this event in Nova Scotia's history offensive and intolerable," Dexter said.

"On behalf of the province of Nova Scotia, I am sorry."

Wanda Robson, Desmond's 83-year-old sister, looked on.

"I am numb with joy," Robson said.

Desmond died in 1965.

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News in brief

GAS Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement has announced legislation aimed at cracking down on gas stations that overcharge customers, citing studies showing pumps are occasionally not properly calibrated for the advertised price. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EI premiums may rise by maximum amount

EMPLOYMENT Canada's budget watchdog says employment insurance premiums may have to go up by a lot.

The parliamentary budget office estimates that EI premiums paid by workers and employers would have to rise by the maximum allowable limit of 15 cents per $100 of insurable earnings if the fund is return to near balance in five years.

That would hike annual contributions per worker by $535 — with about $223 more being paid by the employee and $312 by the employer.

The combination of the increased premiums, more workers and higher wages means that Ottawa's EI revenues would grow from $16.2 billion last year to $27.1 billion by 2014.

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Laughing at politics

Canada's outgoing Governor General laughed Thursday at the notion of a career in politics while the party that appointed Michaelle Jean five years ago refused to say if it might try to convince her to make a run.

An African journalist asked Jean, during the first full day of her state visit to Senegal, whether she might be contemplating a career in politics upon leaving Rideau Hall later this year.

That question came as new poll suggested she remained popular with Canadians: 56 per cent of respondents to a Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey said she had done a good or excellent job as Governor General, while only seven per cent called her performance poor.

Jean chuckled before answering.

There are many ways someone can make a difference in the world, she replied — and they're not all exclusive to holders of public office.

"When you're a woman of action like me, what you hope to do is to always use your energy wherever you can make a difference," she said in French during a news conference at the presidential palace.

"And I don't see any hierarchy in places where you can contribute."

When asked whether the Liberal Party of Canada, which appointed Jean in 2005, might want to discuss with her the possibility of a political career, Leader Michael Ignatieff's office replied: "The Governor General did and continues to do a great job, but it would be inappropriate for us to speculate on her future."

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean speaks with a pair of African children Thursday while visiting a daycare in the Ouakam district of Dakar, Senegal. Jean will also visit the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Cape Verde during her 10-day visit to Africa.

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Ash grounds Canadian air carriers

Canadian air carriers have cancelled dozens of overseas flights from across Canada as a cloud of volcanic ash continues to scuttle air travel across northern Europe.

Air Canada says it has cancelled all flights to and from London's Heathrow airport, Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris and the Frankfurt airport until further notice.

Air Transat has nixed all flights to Heathrow.

Airports across Europe were forced to close after an erupting volcano in Iceland spewed a treacherous ash cloud, closing all air space over Britain, Ireland and the Nordic countries.

Experts say the ash, composed of bits of sand and glass the consistency of talcum powder, compromises pilot visibility and aircraft engines.

Both Air Canada and Air Transat are advising travellers to check their websites for future flight status updates.

The disruption that stranded tens of thousands of people in Europe began to trickle down to Canada as the day progressed.

Just a handful of cancellations were reported at Canadian airports early Thursday, but the number had swollen to more than 30 by late afternoon.

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority said a total of 11 flights were cancelled, while authorities at the Aeroport de Montreal said nine of its flights were scrapped.

The volcanic cloud scrubbed six flights in and out of the Vancouver airport, four in Calgary and one in Halifax.

A volcano beneath Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull glacier began erupting Wednesday for the second time in less than a month, triggering floods and shooting smoke and steam kilometres into the air. About 700 people from rural areas near the volcano were evacuated Thursday because of flooding.

Video showed spectacular images of hot gases melting the thick ice, sending cascades of water thundering down the steep slopes of the volcano. Rivers swelled three metres in hours.

The ash cloud became a menace to air travel as it drifted south and east toward northern Europe - including Britain, about 2,000 kilometres away.

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Dangerous plume

- The volcanic-ash plume drifted at between 6,000 and 11,000 metres, where it could get sucked into airplane engines and cause them to shut down. The smoke and ash also could affect aircraft visibility.

No Canada in U.S. Mars plans

SPACE There's little place for Canada in U.S. President Barack Obama's plans for space exploration in the coming decades until Ottawa shows a commitment to science and the Canadian Space Agency, says the head of a Canadian space advocacy group.

"The president's announcement really doesn't define any role for Canada at all," Kevin Shortt, president of the Canadian Space Society, said Thursday from Toronto, shortly after Obama announced plans to send astronauts to Mars within his lifetime.

Obama's plan for NASA includes a $6 billion US boost to the space agency's budget over the next five years despite spending freezes in other federal departments. The life of the International Space Station will also be extended "likely by more than five years," the president said at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The Canadian Space Agency has partnered with NASA for years, contributing technology, expertise and personnel to the U.S. space program.

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News in brief

SEPARATISM Bloc Quebecois leader Gilles Duceppe says Quebec and Alberta have at least one thing in common. He told reporters in Edmonton that both provinces share a common suspicion of federal intrusion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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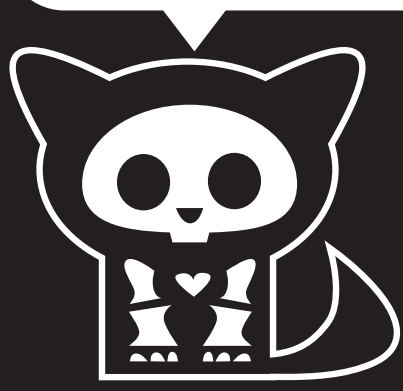

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Volcanic ash wreaking havoc with royal birthday celebrations

The airline chaos caused by the volcanic eruption in Iceland complicated travel plans Thursday for a number of European royals planning to travel to Copenhagen to celebrate the 70th birthday of Denmark's Queen Margrethe. Flights have been cancelled in several European countries due to volcanic ash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Obamas pay almost $2M in taxes

The White House says U.S. President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, made $5.5 million last year and paid nearly $1.8 million in federal income tax. The Obamas gave $329,000 to charities. That included $50,000 each to CARE and the United Negro College Fund. The president also donated his $1.4-million Nobel Peace Prize award to 10 charities. The White House said the vast majority of the Obamas' income was from sales of the president's books. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

POLAND Hundreds gathered in grief at Warsaw's airport Thursday for two state ceremonies honouring 35 more victims of the plane crash in Russia, among them the last man who led Poland's government in exile when the country was ruled by communists. A military plane travelled from Russia with the body of Ryszard Kaczorowski, whose casket was draped in the white-and-red Polish flag, and flanked by a saber-bearing honour guard. His widow and daughters, dressed in black, wept at his coffin and kissed it.

CLIMATE Last month was the warmest March on record worldwide, based on records dating back to 1880, U.S. scientists reported Thursday. The average temperature for the month was 13.5 C, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported. That was 0.77 C above the average over the 20th Century.

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Scale unseen since 9-11

Volcanic ash virtually shuts down half of Europe's air space

An enormous ash cloud from a remote Icelandic volcano caused the biggest flight disruption since the 2001 U.S. terrorist attacks Thursday as it drifted over northern Europe and stranded travellers on six continents.

Officials said it could take days for the skies to become safe again in one of aviation's most congested areas. The cloud, floating kilometres above Earth and capable of knocking out jet engines, wrecked travel plans for tens of thousands of people, from tourists and business travellers to politicians and royals. They couldn't see the source of their frustration — except indirectly, when the ash created vivid red and lavender sunsets.

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A passenger waits at a deserted Belfast International Airport Thursday in Northern Ireland. All flights from the airport were cancelled after air traffic across Britain was disrupted because of ash from a volcanic eruption in Iceland.

Non-emergency flights in Britain were cancelled, and most will stay grounded until at least midday Friday. Authorities in Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Belgium also closed their air space. France shut down 24 airports, including the main hub of Charles de Gaulle in Paris; Germany's Berlin and Hamburg were shut Thursday evening.

Kyla Evans, spokeswoman for air traffic service Eurocontrol, said half of all trans-Atlantic flights were expected to be cancelled Friday.

At London's Heathrow airport, normally one of the world's busiest with more than 1,200 flights and 180,000 travellers a day, passengers stared forlornly at departure boards on which every flight was listed as cancelled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuers fighting elements in China

EARTHQUAKE Rescue teams fought gusty winds and altitude sickness Thursday as survivors faced a second night outside in freezing weather after strong earthquakes left more than 600 dead in a mountainous area of western China. Rescuers, tired from the high winds and thin oxygen, pulled survivors and bodies from the pulverized remains of the town flattened by Wednesday's quake. About 15,000 houses have collapsed.

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Defectors say North Korea's holiday highlight is Kim's birthday.

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No iPads for Israel just yet

Israel has banned all imports of the Apple iPad, citing concerns that its wireless frequencies are incompatible with national standards. The ban prevents anyone, even tourists, from bringing an iPad into Israel. Officials have already confiscated about 10 iPads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Garbage, garbage everywhere ...

Plastic could pose biggest threat to oceans

Researchers are warning of a new blight on the ocean: A swirl of confetti-like plastic debris stretching over thousands of square kilometres in a remote expanse of the Atlantic Ocean.

The floating garbage — hard to spot from the surface and spun together by a vortex of currents — was documented by two groups of scientists who trawled the sea between scenic Bermuda and Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores islands.

The studies describe a soup of micro-particles similar to the so-called Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a phenomenon discovered a decade ago between Hawaii and California that researchers say likely exists in other places worldwide.

"We found the great Atlantic garbage patch," said Anna Cummins, who collected plastic samples on a sailing voyage in February.

"Our job now is to let people know that plastic ocean pollution is a global problem — it ... is not confined to a single patch."

The debris is harmful for fish, sea mammals — and potentially humans — even though much of the plastic has broken into such tiny pieces they are nearly invisible. Since there is no realistic way of cleaning the oceans, advocates say the key is to keep more plastic out by raising awareness and, wherever possible, challenging a throwaway culture that uses non-biodegradable materials for disposable products.

Charles Moore, an ocean researcher credited with discovering the Pacific garbage patch, said the Atlantic surely has similar amounts of plastic.

"Humanity's plastic footprint is probably more dangerous than its carbon footprint," he said.

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New York **A new beginning at the WTC**

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Construction cranes work on the rising structure of One World Trade Center Thursday in New York. When finished, the tower will rise to a height of 541 metres.

News in brief

OBITUARY An ailing Northern California man delivered his own obituary to a newspaper then hanged himself from a nearby bridge. The body of 64-year-old Allan Leo Peters II was found Wednesday hanging by a yellow rope from an old bridge. The man wrote that he'd been struggling with emphysema and had trouble breathing. He wrote, "Yes, I have hanged myself (At least I hope I did)."

MURDER A Detroit area father who fatally shot his 15-year-old son after the teen admitted molesting a three-year-old girl has been sentenced to 37 to 80 years in prison.

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Car bomb injures eight in Kandahar

AFGHANISTAN A car bomb exploded outside a hotel in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar Thursday, injuring at least eight people, while fighting in the north of the country left four German troops dead, officials said.

The explosion in front of the Noor Jehan Hotel shattered windows in the shabby four-storey structure, destroyed five vehicles and damaged a number of shops in the area. At least two of those injured were in serious condition, said local official Nidah Mohammed.

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Pennsylvania boy passed out heroin to classmates: Police

Police say a third-grader in Pennsylvania handed out more than 60 small bags of heroin to his classmates before his teacher discovered them. Police said some of the bags were found empty in a trash can, but there was no evidence the kids had ingested the drugs. They are investigating how the boy got the drugs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Captured pirates in legal limbo

Countries unsure what to do with Somali scofflaws caught at sea

Somali pirates scooped up by U.S. and European warships are sitting in legal limbo on the high seas.

Bringing them to the lawless Somali capital for trial is not an option and Kenya says it won't take any more, though diplomats wonder if the government in Nairobi may be trying to wring more cash from the international community.

Among the more than two dozen captured pirates being held on international warships are 11 suspected pirates who attacked two American warships this month.

They haven't yet been transferred anywhere. Lt. Matt Allen of the Bahrain-based U.S. Fifth Fleet says the American government is "reviewing its options for disposition."

Kenyan officials say pirates are putting an undue strain on the country's congested justice system. But diplomats say only 118 of Kenya's 53,000 prisoners are convicted or suspected pirates.

Government spokesman Alfred Mutua said Thursday that Kenya is still helping anti-piracy efforts by helping to track ransom money, providing a refuelling base and by patrolling its own coastline and said other countries should play their part.

$1M Countries are collectively paying more than $1 million a day for the international navies patrolling the waters off east Africa.

Some navies have taken home for trial pirates who attacked their own ships or citizens.

But most are reluctant, due to difficulties transporting them, fears of asylum claims and jurisdiction issues.

If a Somali pirate attacks a Liberian-flagged and Egyptian-owned vessel with Filipino and Indian crew onboard and is captured, it's not clear which country should take the lead in prosecuting the suspect.

In 2008, Kenya signed an agreement with Britain to take captured pirates from its warships, but before a similar agreement with the European Union was signed Kenya presented a 12-page wishlist of expensive items and money for retreats, two officials familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The list included a helicopter, armoured vehicles and phone jamming equipment, as well as computer equipment needed to update Kenya's antiquated courts.

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Admiral's orders

- The top U.S. naval officer in Africa and Europe says the international community needs to go after the money being extorted by pirates to try to end piracy.
- Adm. Mark Fitzgerald says it's no surprise where the money goes: some is used to resupply pirates with boats and weapons. But leaders in Kenya tell him rich Somalis are also buying up the real estate around the capital of Nairobi.
- In the end, the international community needs to look at the root cause — a poor, lawless Somalia that can't police its land or its coastal waters.

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Kyrgyz president goes into exile, eases war fears

ASIA The deposed president of Kyrgyzstan left the country Thursday for neighbouring Kazakhstan, allaying fears of a civil war in the Central Asian nation that hosts a key U.S. military base supporting the war in Afghanistan.

The presidents of the United States, Russia and Kazakhstan helped arrange for Kyrgyz President Kurmanbek Bakiyev to leave the country, Kazakhstan said in its role as head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

It called Bakiyev's move "an important step toward ... the prevention of a civil war in Kyrgyzstan."

Kyrgyzstan's provisional leaders said Bakiyev signed a formal letter of resignation. His departure followed the provisional government's warning that he should either quickly leave the country or face trial.

Bakiyev was driven from the capital, Bishkek, on April 7 after police opened fire on protesters, who then stormed government buildings.

At least 83 people died in the violence.

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Zimbabwe's government has learned that finding a replacement is not so easy and, according to a prisoners' advocacy group, it has even prepared a want ad to help its search.

Meanwhile, calls for abolition of the death penalty have gained steam.

Earlier this month, inmate Shepherd Mazango won the support of human rights groups to appeal his death sentence and demand the abolition of the death penalty in the Supreme Court, the nation's highest tribunal.

Zimbabwe's last hangman, said to have been a former Zambian police officer, left after his contract expired. A former prison officer said the executioner was always extremely remorseful about his job.

Work for the hangman was spotty. One some days he would execute between two and four prisoners at dawn then months would pass before other hangings were carried out.

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Ken and Christie Zukor pose outside of their Havre de Grace, Md., home with the four biological siblings that they adopted in 2007 from Russia. The family is trying now to adopt the children's half-sister, 15-year-old Marina, who lives in a Russian orphanage.

U.S. disputes claim Russia has put adoptions on hold

RUSSIA A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday that adoptions of Russian children by U.S. families had been suspended, but other Russian and U.S. officials disputed this.

Spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said during a briefing that new adoptions by Americans are on hold pending a visit in the next few days by a U.S. delegation to reach an accord.

The U.S. hopes to resolve a bitter dispute that broke out last week, when an American woman sent her seven-year-old adopted son back to Russia on a plane by himself. The boy's return — with a note he carried from his adoptive mother saying he had psychological problems — outraged Russian authorities and the public.

The Russia Education and Science Ministry, which oversees international adoptions, said it had no knowledge of an official freeze. And the U.S. State Department said as far as it knew, there was no freeze.

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News in brief

TURKEY A Turkish tycoon-turned-politician has been convicted of establishing a crime ring, forging official documents and swindling, and sentenced to 23 years in prison. Cem Uzan, who once owned Turkey's second largest mobile telephone company and some banks, did not attend Thursday's trial because he is living in France and seeking asylum there. Earlier, he was convicted on separate swindling charges and sentenced to 3½ years in prison.

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Obama predicts new space plan will lead U.S. to moon, Mars

U.S. President Barack Obama predicted Thursday his new space plan would lead Americans beyond the moon and to Mars within his lifetime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Children forced to beg by schools, group says

A leading international rights group called on Senegal's government Thursday to clamp down on Islamic schools whose leaders are subjecting tens of thousands of children to forced begging and daily beatings in conditions it says are "akin to slavery."

Powerful religious leaders known as "marabouts" hold enormous political influence in this mostly Muslim West African nation. Parents often send their children to traditional Quranic schools run by marabouts, both because they hope their children will receive a religious education and because they are free.

But some marabouts have turned the schools into an exploitative, unregulated private industry, banking tens of thousands of dollars in annual profits by forcing droves of children as young as four into the streets to beg for change, according to a new report released by New York-based Human Rights Watch. Children who return without enough money are often brutally beaten, the group said.

The tiny boys can often be seen wandering barefoot in the capital, Dakar, in small groups without adult supervision, swarming cars and passers-by.

Often dressed in ragged, torn clothes, they beg long after midnight, returning to sleep 30 to a room in abandoned or half-constructed buildings that offer little protection from the elements, Human Rights Watch said.

One of them, 11-year-old Abdou Sow, told The Associated Press he had been sent by his parents in northern Senegal to a Quranic school in Dakar three years ago.

He has spent most of his time since begging, and his marabout expects him to bring back at least 250 West African francs per day — about 50 cents — and "hits us a lot harder when we don't give him enough."

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Senegal reluctant to prosecute

- Senegal's government is hesitant to try religious leaders because they wield enormous social, political and economic power across the country, according to Human Rights Watch. One government official who pushed for the prosecution of a marabout who had severely beaten a three-year-old child received death threats.

Haiti **Taking turns**

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Two boys use an old roller suitcase to transport water inside a camp for displaced people in Port-au-Prince. Over a million Haitians are living as internally displaced people after the earthquake.

Pope: Christians should 'repent' for sins

VATICAN Pope Benedict XVI broke his recent silence on the clerical abuse scandal Thursday, noting recent attacks on the church and the need for "we Christians" to repent for sins and recognize mistakes.

Benedict made the comments during an off-the-cuff homily at a Mass inside the Vatican for members of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

Victims of clerical abuse have long demanded that Benedict take more personal responsibility for clerical abuse, charging that the Vatican orchestrated a culture of coverup and secrecy that allowed priests to rape and molest children for decades unchecked.

"We realize that it's necessary to repent ... recognize what is wrong in our lives."
Pope Benedict XVI

Those demands have intensified in recent weeks as the Vatican and Benedict himself have been accused of negligence in handling some cases in Europe and the United States.

"I must say, we Christians, even in recent times, have often avoided the word 'repent', which seemed too tough.

"But now under attack from the world, which has been telling us about our sins ... we realize that it's necessary to repent, in other words, recognize what is wrong in our lives," Benedict said.

It was Benedict's fullest allusion to the scandal since he sent a letter to the Irish faithful March 20 concerning what Irish-government inquiries have concluded was decades of abuse and church-mandated coverup in the country.

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Evidence links domestic terrorists to 2007 Greece attack

Evidence links suspected members of a domestic terrorist group to a 2007 grenade attack on the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greek police said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Corruption bane of Cuban communism, says academic

Corruption at the highest levels of government — not the meddling of a small band of dissidents — is the greatest threat to Cuba's communist system, a leading academic said in a highly unusual opinion posted Thursday on a state Web site.

The article by Esteban Morales — a historian who has written extensively on race and relations with the United States — crossed a number of red lines in tightly controlled Cuba, including openly discussing corruption rumours surrounding the dismissal of a top government aviation official who had fought alongside Ernesto "Che" Guevara and the Castros in the 1950s.

Morales said some top Cuban officials are preparing to divide the spoils if Cuba's political system disintegrates, like the shadowy oligarchs that emerged from the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s.

"In reality, corruption is much more dangerous than so-called internal dissent," Morales wrote in the piece, which appeared on the Web site of the state National Artists and Writers Union of Cuba.

"The latter is isolated ... but corruption is truly counterrevolutionary because it comes from within the government and the state apparatus, which are the ones that really control the country's resources."

Members of the artists union have been surprisingly critical of the government in the past, but often with little effect.

Criticism can also appear in government newspapers, but rarely on such hot-button issues as corruption among senior officials.

Morales is a prominent intellectual who only Monday appeared on a state television program defending the government on another topic.

The frank assessment on the Web site went far further than what is normally tolerated.

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Cronyism

- Morales never singled out Fidel or Raul Castro for blame, but he said cronyism is rampant in the system that has developed 51 years after their revolution won power and said some officials are waiting for a chance to grab the country's resources.

Iraqi Sunni coalition reassures Iran

POLITICS The Sunni-backed secular coalition that came in first in Iraqi elections tried Thursday to improve relations with powerful Shiite neighbour Iran, assuring Tehran that if it heads the new government, it would not let Iraq be used as a launching pad for an invasion.

The Iraqiya alliance led by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi edged out his chief rival in the March 7 parliamentary election by just two seats. But neither Iraqiya nor the State of Law alliance led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki won enough to form a government alone.

Since the election, Iraq's political groups have been jockeying to broker partnerships to win control of the parliament — in part by courting the support of Iraq's neighbours in the Mideast. In a statement Thursday, Iraqiya spokeswoman Maysoun al-Damlouji said a delegation to Tehran promised Iranian leaders that "the Iraqiya movement will not allow the use of Iraqi land and airspace for launching an attack on Iran."

Iran sees the presence of tens of thousands of U.S. forces in Iraq as a threat, although a security agreement between the Iraqi and U.S. governments bars the use of Iraqi territory for aggression.

Following the Iraqiya visit, Iranian state TV reported that Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani again expressed hope that all Iraqi political groups would "participate in the future of Iraq, based on their political weight."

Al-Damlouji said Iran had expressed an interest in having "Iraqiya play a role in building bridges with other countries in the region," which are primarily Sunni-led. It was not clear why Iran has changed its stance. But Tehran may be worried that excluding the top vote getter with its Sunni backing could lead to a return of sectarian violence and possibly delay a U.S. troop withdrawal.

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Religion

- Iraq has been dominated by Shiite parties close to Iran since the fall of Saddam Hussein. And during the election campaign, Allawi spoke out often against Iran's influence in Iraq.

Five die in Sudan violence: Gov't

CONFLICT Sudan's ruling party said soldiers from the semi-autonomous south have killed at least five of its supporters in the first report of deadly violence during historic elections that came to an end Thursday.

Sudan's first multiparty presidential, parliamentary and local elections in 24 years, which began Sunday, were marred by allegations of fraud and boycotts and raised concerns of new unrest.

The elections were a key requirement of a 2005 peace deal that ended a 21-year civil war between the predominantly Arab and Muslim north and rebels in the Christian-animist south. The fighting left two million people dead and many more displaced.

The voting was intended to produce a democratically elected government for the impoverished country and prepare the ground for a referendum next year on independence for southern Sudan. A statement from the ruling National Congress Party said southern soldiers killed five of its supporters Wednesday in the southern province of Western Bahr el-Ghazal.

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The elusive solution

A lot of talk, but not much action for city's homeless

UrbanCompass

If you're homeless in Vancouver, you have no idea where you're going to sleep after Tuesday.

Seven "temporary" shelters are scheduled to lose their funding and close April 30. If you believe everything you read, you'll be back out on the street with your shopping cart, your blanket and 5 C temperatures.

Why does it have to be this way? Everyone from the premier on down has pledged to end homelessness, yet despite all those pledges, the actual number of homeless people is increasing and a solution is no closer.

One thing we've learned to do is over-think homelessness. If pledges were apartments, everyone would have a nice warm place to sleep. And there have been numerous Band-Aids slapped on the problem, from the temporary winter HEAT shelters to the red tents of the Pivot Legal Society. Everybody has an answer — and nobody has an answer.

"If pledges were apartments, everyone would have a nice warm place to sleep."

The province and the city are playing their annual game of duelling press releases and media advisories. As I write, it looks as if at least some of the temporary shelters could remain open, which means about 400 of the 600 homeless people who use the shelters will be accommodated. The rest may have to skooch in or sleep under the stars … or because it's Vancouver, the rain clouds.

Ric Matthews is the minister of First United Church, one of the seven shelters in question, which houses about 250 people a night, and one of the recipients of a pledge. Gordon Campbell shook his hand and declared that the province's commitment to the homeless would not end when the Olympics were over and the world's cameras trooped off to some other news event.

Still, unless something tangible happens between now and Tuesday, First United and six others face closure. I would hate to see that happen at First United because something very special is happening there. Gradually, quietly, it is becoming a real home for its nightly guests.

First United offers the right combination of location, support, services and safety to the people who sleep under its roof. And it's offering something else — a commitment to community. You belong here: Home for the heart as well as the head. But that commitment is jeopardized by the latest funding crisis.

It's time to do this differently. Time for the very important to stop making mutually contradictory pledges to the very marginal and start working together to find a real solution.

One that doesn't always evaporate next Tuesday.

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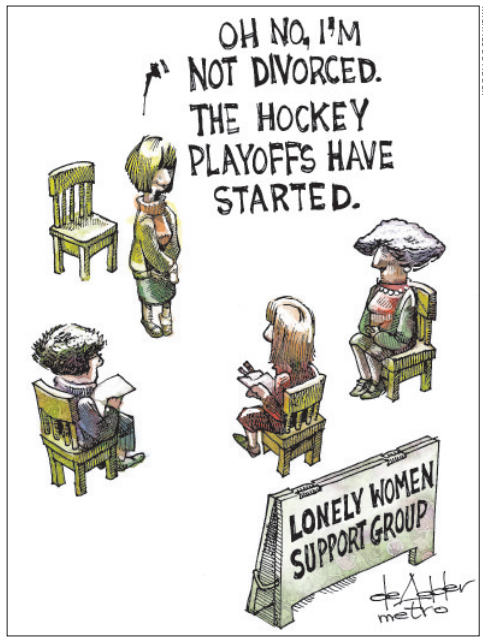

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Views

What do higher interest rates mean for you?

InBusiness

Does Canada really need higher interest rates to keep inflation in check? Who knows, but we're going to get them anyway.

Along about June, the Bank of Canada will start raising the target for the "overnight rate." That's the rate financial institutions use to lend money to each other. This will send ripples across the interest rate spectrum, from business and consumer loans to mortgage rates and credit card charges. If the Bank of Canada keeps boosting rates later in the year, the ripple will start to look more like a wave.

In late March, the big banks anticipated coming rate hikes by boosting posted rates for five-year mortgages. The economic signs suggest they're on the right track. Core inflation (the consumer price index, less volatile elements like food and fuel) crept up more than expected in February, and the subsequent release of GDP numbers for January suggests the economy is recovering faster than anyone thought.

How will this play out for you? Taken with related economic factors like the value of the Canadian dollar, higher interest rates will hurt more than they help. If you've been planning to buy a house, do it now because mortgage rates will be higher in the second half. Say you could get a $250,000 fixed rate mortgage today at 4.5 per cent, but would have to pay five per cent in August. Over a five-year term, that extra half-point will cost you $6,000 in additional interest. And you'll pay off nearly $1,800 less in principal.

You might also want to buy a new car sooner as well. Led by Toyota, which has been trying to recapture market share in the wake of embarrassing recalls, automakers have been offering zero per cent financing and attractive lease and maintenance deals. But car companies are still struggling to recover and they know this kind of competition strangles profits. Higher interest rates will boost their operating costs and make them cut back on incentives as soon as they can.

By boosting the value of the Canadian dollar, higher interest rates should make import prices cheaper. But at the retail level, Canadian prices are invariably higher than U.S. levels to start with — nearly seven per cent higher as of late — reflecting our cost structure. If you really want bargains, cross the U.S. border and buy there.

Just remember one thing. If you do make more consumer purchases, don't run credit card balances. As interest rates rise, credit card rates will follow fast.

Charles Davies is a veteran business writer who has worked for Canadian and international news organizations.

Worth mentioning

How will Quebecers react to latest snub?

One of Quebec's cultural symbols has been called everything from disgusting, to heart-attack inducing, to delectable.

But can the increasingly popular Québécois dish known as poutine — that messy mix of french fries, sauce and cheese curds — now be considered a gooey source of Canada-wide pride?

When a gang of professional "eaters" from the United States and a handful of Canadian amateurs battle for the world poutine-eating championship, it won't go down in Montreal, Quebec City, or anywhere else in la belle province.

It will be held in, of all places, Toronto.

And due to provincial contest rules, Quebecers hoping to eat their way to the title won't be allowed to even take part.

No longer seen as just working-class grub from small-town Quebec, poutine now has fans across Canada and beyond.

The concoction has been integrated into haute cuisine and has secured niches under the bright lights of the Big Apple and Los Angeles.

"I think it shows that poutine has become a national meal," Charles-Alexandre Theoret, author of the 2007 book Maudite poutine! (Damned Poutine!) said of the upcoming all-you-can-eat showdown May 22 at BMO Field in Toronto.

"It was once a Quebec meal, but now it's everywhere." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poutine's origin

• For years, the towns of Warwick and Drummondville have duelled over the true birthplace of poutine, but one thing has never been questioned: It's from Quebec. Warwick claims the dish was invented by local restaurant owner Fernand LaChance in 1957, while Drummondville insists that restaurateur Jean-Paul Roy blended the first poutine in 1964.

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Just do your taxes, it's worth it

Many Canadians will be spending the next few weeks wading through paperwork and scouring their homes for months-old receipts as the April 30 deadline to get their taxes in order looms.

"People hate doing this," said Dennis Tew, chief financial officer at Franklin Templeton Investments Corp.

"They know that they have to go and find all their information. They know that they have to pull it together."

Tew said he's made a habit of getting his own tax return done early each year — mainly because his tax refund arrives that much quicker.

While Gena Katz, executive director of Ernst & Young's tax practice, agrees it's "silly" to put off filing a tax return if the government owes you money, she said it's even worse to miss the deadline when it's the other way around.

"For people who owe money, they really have to file on time or at least pay on time because the penalties are pretty severe for late filing," said Katz.

With two weeks to go until the taxman comes knocking, chronic procrastinators across Canada may be at a loss on where to start.

"All of a sudden you go into this panic because now you're trying to find all of this information," said Cleo Hamel, a senior tax analyst with H&R Block.

The government needs any information relating to income, so first and foremost it's important to round up those T-slips.

The next priority is to track down forms and receipts related to any number of available tax credits — charitable donations, children's health programs, childcare, home renovations, tuition, and health-care costs.

"If the only thing you have is your income information, I know that by the end of it you're not going to be happy with the result. You'll probably owe money or maybe you're not getting as much of a refund," said Hamel.

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Late-filing penalties

- If you fail to pay your 2009 taxes by midnight April 30, the Canada Revenue Agency will charge a five per cent penalty on the balance owing, plus one per cent of the balance for each full month the return is late for up to 12 months.

Cleo Hamel is a senior tax analyst with H&R Block.

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Hal Kvisle has led TransCanada Corp. since 2001.

TransCanada CEO to retire

ENERGY Diversified energy giant TransCanada Corp. will soon be under new leadership.

North America's largest natural gas shipper says its chief executive — one of Western Canada's best-known and most successful business leaders — will retire at the end of June.

Hal Kvisle, 57, joined TransCanada in 1999 after years in the oil industry, including a period at legendary Dome Petroleum Ltd., and moved into the top job at the gas pipeline operator in 2001.

During his tenure, he won wide respect in the energy sector and was named Canada's Outstanding CEO of the year in 2008.

Kvisle said Thursday that TransCanada has either achieved or exceeded all goals it set out in the past decade.

In particular, he cited the company's Canadian expansion and the establishment of a gas transmission business in the United States.

Kvisle will be succeeded by current chief operating officer Russ Girling, a former CFO at the Calgary company.

Barry Jackson, TransCanada's chairman, cited Kvisle's "focus, drive and wisdom" for helping the natural gas shipper grow rapidly in the last decade.

TransCanada's growth reflects the continental expansion of the energy business, with growing oilsands production, a widening pipeline network Canada and the United States and new sources of natural gas in shale rock formations in both countries.

"Our Canadian gas transmission business is expanding to move B.C. shale gas to market," Kvisle said.

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Shareholders confront BP over oilsands project

ENERGY British oil giant BP PLC faced down a rebellion from a vocal minority of shareholders Thursday over a controversial oilsands project in Canada and the 40 per cent pay increase granted to the company's chief executive.

A coalition of more than 100 shareholders backed a resolution at the company's annual general meeting calling for a review of its plans to extract oil from the vast oilsands in northeastern Alberta.

They wanted the company to provide more detail on the environmental impact of the project, which critics say will be more harmful to the environment than traditional oil extraction.

But BP, which argues it is crucial in helping meet the world's energy needs over the next 20 years, won the vote with the support of institutional investors.

The company said it would make a final decision on whether to finance the joint venture with Canadian partner Husky Energy Ltd. by the end of the year.

Speakers at the meeting included representatives from affected aboriginal communities, who made a plea for a moratorium on further projects on the oil sands until further research is conducted into health risks for locals.

BP Chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said the company would take into account the requests for greater transparency.

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Layoffs show U.S. recovery still shaky

ECONOMY A spike in U.S. unemployment claims Thursday underscored the bumpiness of the economic rebound: Consumers are spending more. Factories are making more. But layoffs have not tapered off as fast as expected.

So can the recovery gather much steam if 17 per cent of working-age Americans remain jobless or underemployed?

Employers have begun to add jobs recently, including 162,000 in March. Yet much stronger job creation is needed to ease the current 9.7 per cent unemployment rate. And if layoffs were to spike and job creation sputter, the recovery could fall back into a "double-dip" recession.

The odds of that have receded as the economy has strengthened. But it can't be dismissed.

"It looks like we're on a path to moderate recovery and that the risk of a double-dip, while certainly not negligible, it is certainly less than it was a few months ago," Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke told U.S. Congress Wednesday.

"That being said, there are any number of possible things that could derail it."

At the top of Bernanke's risk list: Chronically high unemployment, which he said could cause consumers to spend less.

Economists think unemployment will probably remain above nine per cent by the November midterm elections, making Democratic and Republican incumbents in Congress vulnerable, particularly in hard-hit states. U.S. President Barack Obama is summoning top economic advisers for a meeting Friday to talk about creating new jobs, the White House said.

"...there are any number of possible things that could derail (the recovery)."
Ben Bernanke

In its report on unemployment claims, the government said the number of newly laid-off people signing up for jobless aid last week surged 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 484,000. That was the most since late February. Economists had predicted a drop in first-time claims.

One theory is companies are boosting production and meeting customer demand by squeezing more work from their existing staff.

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FIFA says demand high for World Cup tickets

FIFA said 53,000 World Cup tickets were sold in the first eight hours of the final phase Thursday, and blamed high demand for the technical problems that caused delays and led to fan frustration. FIFA said 23 of the 64 games were sold out after tickets went on sale at ticket centres and banks across South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

76ers dump coach

The Philadelphia 76ers have fired coach Eddie Jordan after one season. Team president Ed Stefanski announced the move Thursday. He said the Sixers took an "unacceptable" step backward after two straight seasons in the playoffs. Jordan is finished after a woefully underachieving season that had the Sixers near the bottom of the Eastern Conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No humble pie for Plekanec

(Montreal leads series 1-0)

Canadiens 3 **Capitals** 2 (OT)

VS

NHL Tomas Plekanec finally made news for the right reasons.

Plekanec scored on a slapshot at 13:19 of the first overtime as the Montreal Canadiens stole home ice advantage away from the Washington Capitals with a 3-2 win Thursday night.

Plekanec made headlines this week by saying Washington's goaltenders were not as good as Buffalo's Ryan Miller or New Jersey's Martin Brodeur, providing fodder for discussion in the Capitals dressing room, and drawing a somewhat derisive reply from Caps goalie and former teammate Jose Theodore.

But Plekanec backed it up with his fifth career playoff goal in his 22nd game to give the eighth-seeded Canadiens a huge win over the President's Trophy winners from Washington.

"That's a huge goal for our team," Plekanec said.

Mike Cammalleri and Scott Gomez scored in regulation for the Canadiens while Nicklas Backstrom and Joe Corvo replied for the Capitals.

The Canadiens finished 33 points behind the Capitals in the standings, leading most to believe they stand little to no chance of winning the series. But Montreal split the four-game regular-season series with Washington.

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Samuelsson pots OT winner

(Vancouver leads series 1-0)

Kings 2 **Canucks** 3 (OT)

VS

Mikael Samuelsson scored his second goal of the night at 8:52 of overtime as the Vancouver Canucks defeated the Los Angeles Kings 3-2 Thursday in the opening of their first-round playoff series.

Samuelsson was alone in the slot when he took a pass from Henrik Sedin and ripped a shot that beat Kings' goaltender Jonathan Quick.

Vancouver takes a 1-0 lead in the Western Conference quarter-final. The second game in the best-of-seven series will be played Saturday night.

The Kings came close to ending it with about six minutes gone in the overtime. Jack Johnson fired a puck that went off goaltender Roberto Luongo's blocker and dribbled toward the goal-line. A sprawling Luongo was able to reach behind him and swipe the puck away.

On the play, Luongo's stick got caught in his skate. He was able to free it before the Kings got a shot away.

Daniel Sedin had a goal and assist for the Canucks. Samuelsson also scored on a power play, while Henrik Sedin had two assists.

Fredrik Modin and Jarret Stoll scored power-play goals for the Kings.

Vancouver outshot Los Angeles 44-27.

Modin tied the match at 13:06 of the second period during a five-minute power-play. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Vancouver's Mikael Samuelsson, centre, celebrates his second period goal against the Los Angeles Kings with teammates Pavol Demitra, left, Henrik Sedin and Daniel Sedin during Thursday's playoff action at GM Place.

Sports in brief

NFL The Oakland Raiders signed free-agent quarterback Kyle Boller Thursday, adding a former first-rounder to an unsettled quarterback mix. Former No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell lost his job midway through last season because of ineffectiveness and is competing with Bruce Gradkowski to get it back. Charlie Frye started three games last season and is also back.

NBA The Clippers wasted no time making their first off-season change, firing interim head coach Kim Hughes on Thursday.

CURLING Edmonton's Kevin Martin and Calgary's Cheryl Bernard have won the World Curling Tour Players' Association most valuable player awards. The awards, which are voted on by the players, were to be presented to each skip Thursday during the Grey Power Players' Championship, the season's final Capital One Grand Slam of Curling event.

NFL Cleveland Browns general manager Tom Heckert says the team has had talks with the St. Louis Rams about moving up in the NFL draft to take quarterback Sam Bradford with the No. 1 overall pick. Heckert said Thursday that the Browns, who have the No. 7 pick, have been "playing a little phone tag" but said they have talked with the Rams, who are expected to select the Oklahoma quarterback.

BASEBALL Jay-Z and a business partner are suing slugger David Ortiz, claiming the Boston Red Sox star named his Dominican nightclub after the mogul's chain of 40/40 clubs. The lawsuit, filed Thursday in Manhattan Federal Court, accuses Ortiz of calling his Santo Domingo club Forty-Forty in the hopes of trading on the rap star's fame.

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Detroit at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

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BASEBALL

THURSDAY'S AL RESULTS

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Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-0) at Cleveland (Talbot 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
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Milwaukee (Gallardo 0-2) at Washington (Lannan 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hammel 0-0) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 2-0), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (O.Perez 0-1) at St. Louis (Carpenter 1-0), 5:15 p.m.
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Twins take first series at Target

Francisco Liriano threw seven shutout innings for Minnesota, and the Twins took the first series at Target Field with an 8-0 victory over the sloppy Boston Red Sox on Thursday. Every Twins starter had a hit except batting champ Joe Mauer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cleveland's LeBron James (23) attempts a shot against Orlando's Dwight Howard at Amway Arena during a game in Orlando, Fla., in February. Both clubs are considered powerhouses in the East.

Threats abound in NBA playoffs

Maybe Kobe Bryant is too beaten up to last through three playoff rounds against the rest of the West.

Perhaps the aging Boston Celtics do have one more run in them, or the Atlanta Hawks are ready to take the next step.

Sure, it's easy to think this year's NBA champion will be LeBron James and Cleveland, Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers, or the Orlando Magic.

> **"I don't think anybody is afraid of anybody."**
> Mark Cuban, Dallas Mavericks owner

Just don't tell that to all the other teams believing the trio can be knocked off.

"I don't think anybody is afraid of anybody," Dallas owner Mark Cuban said. "We think we can beat anybody and anybody thinks they can beat us. That's how good the teams are."

The best during the regular season were the Cavaliers, but they were last season, too. All that got them was a trip to Orlando, where the Magic ended their season in the conference finals, and James picked up a $25,000 US fine for not talking to the media after the loss.

But with a bolstered front line that now features Shaquille O'Neal and Antawn Jamison alongside James, there may not be anything that can stop the Cavaliers this time.

Saturday, the Cavaliers open against the Chicago Bulls, who earned the NBA's final playoff spot on the last night of the regular season. Also Saturday, Milwaukee visits Atlanta; Boston hosts Miami and Utah visits Denver.

Sunday, it's playoff newcomer Oklahoma City at the Lakers; Orlando hosting Charlotte, another first-time post-season team; San Antonio visiting Dallas; and Phoenix entertaining Portland.

The Suns, who missed the playoffs last year but rode a late-season surge to the No. 3 seed in the West this year, are another team that could spoil one of the presumed finals matchups.

"I don't know if you start matching us up with all the teams in the league how talented we are, but I think as a collective group we're pretty doggone good," Suns coach Alvin Gentry said.

All eight playoff teams in the West won 50 games, the second time that happened in three years. Still, the Lakers probably stand out as the class of the conference — when their health allows it.

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Steelers ready to punish Big Ben

NFL Steelers president Art Rooney II says the team is ready to discipline Ben Roethlisberger but the punishment will be co-ordinated with the NFL and won't pre-empt any league action.

Rooney said Thursday that Roethlisberger told him he is prepared to accept disciplinary action. The Steelers likely would have acted by now, but Rooney said the NFL's labour agreement makes that difficult.

Ben Roethlisberger

Rooney expects NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to spend several weeks reviewing the accusations that Roethlisberger sexually assaulted a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub bathroom. The quarterback won't be charged in the case. The NFL and the Steelers probably won't settle on any punishment until after next week's three-day draft.

"When we get to the point where we have agreed with the commissioner on what that action will be, that's when it will be imposed," Rooney said during his first news conference concerning the Roethlisberger case.

The Roethlisberger case has been unsettling to the Steelers, and Rooney did not hide his displeasure.

"I have made it clear to Ben that his conduct in this incident did not live up to our standards," Rooney said.

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Miller time no happy hour for Boston Bruins fans

(Buffalo leads 1-0)

Bruins 1 Sabres 2

Ryan Miller made 38 saves to lead the Buffalo Sabres to a playoff-opening 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins Thursday night.

Captain Craig Rivet scored the go-ahead goal with slapshot from the right circle with six minutes left in the second period, and Thomas Vanek also scored in Buffalo's first playoff game in three years. Miller stoped 23 shots in the second period alone, in building on a stellar season in which he won a franchise-best 41 games and backstopped the United States to a silver medal at the Vancouver Games.

Mark Recchi scored for the Bruins, who finished the regular season on an 8-3-1 roll to finish sixth in the Eastern Conference.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final is Saturday in Buffalo.

It was a game of shifting momentum, with the Sabres controlling the tempo and buzzing the net through most of the first period. Buffalo was rewarded by opening the scoring 4:52 in, when Vanek snapped in Derek Roy's drop pass on a 2-on-1 rush.

The Bruins responded with a thoroughly dominating second period, in which they outshot Buffalo 20-6 through the first 14 minutes and 24-8 overall. The 24 shots allowed by the Sabres matched a franchise playoff record, dating to a 3-2 win at Chicago in April 1980.

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Commonwealth Games carry pioneering spirit

The Queen's Baton passed through Canada this week on its way to the 19th Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

Few took notice of the relay that will take the baton to 72 countries on five continents before reaching Nehru Stadium and the opening ceremony Oct. 3.

> **"The Games have come to include developing parts of the world hungry to express themselves through the pursuit of sport."**

That's a shame when you consider the significance of one of the oldest multi-sport gatherings on the face of the earth and what it says about the power of athletics to create understanding between cultures.

The Commonwealth Games began in 1930 in Hamilton as the British Empire Games. Over the years they have showcased magnificent sporting achievement.

Roger Bannister of England and John Landy of Australia both ran the "Miracle Mile" in less than four minutes in Vancouver in 1954.

The legendary "Kip" Keino and the Kenyan distance runners initially made their mark in Kingston, Jamaica in 1966. The Games first ventured to Asia in 1998 at Kuala Lumpur. There, a 13-year-old diver from Canada, Alexandre Despatie, became the youngest major games champion. In Manchester in 2002, Ian Thorpe of Australia, one of the greatest swimmers of all time, won six gold medals.

More important than the exploits of the sporting stars is the pioneering spirit of the Commonwealth Games. A far cry from the very "British" field day they once were, the Games have come to include developing parts of the world hungry to express themselves through the pursuit of sport.

India's population of 1.17 billion is second largest in the world next to the Peoples Republic of China. Yet, the upcoming Commonwealth Games represent the largest sporting event ever staged in India's history.

There are, of course, issues.

Overcrowding, pollution, poverty and lack of infrastructure are hurdles to overcome. But the same can be said of most countries vis-à-vis sporting spectacles. The important thing being the Commonwealth Games and India are willing to try.

Sport aspires to be unlike politics, religion and economics. It attempts to break down barriers instead of creating them.

Therefore, more power to the Commonwealth Games.

In a year where FIFA is courageous enough to take the World Cup to Africa for the first time, we should all take notice of the path of the Queen's Baton.

Its journey signals the power of sport is reaching more people around the globe than ever before.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Tiger to play at Quail Hollow

GOLF Out of golf for five months until the Masters, Tiger Woods is waiting only two weeks to tee it up again.

Woods announced Thursday he will play the Quail Hollow Championship, which begins April 29.

It will be his first time playing at a tournament where tickets are sold to the general public since his spectacular downfall following a sex scandal.

Woods tied for fourth last week at the Masters, which has the most controlled gallery in golf. Weekly badges are secured months in advance, and fans fear losing them if caught showing poor etiquette.

Woods received warm applause when he teed off in the first round, and the support was steady throughout the week.

The early commitment was a sign that Woods plans to be helpful to the promotion of tournaments.

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Kick-Ass delivers on its title

Kick-Ass
Director: Matthew Vaughn
Stars: Aaron Johnson, Chloe Moretz, Nicolas Cage
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Matthew Vaughn's superhero flick Kick-Ass is an outrageous mix of stylized violence and dark humour that both gently mocks and pays homage to decades of superhero lore.

It's a lovingly R-rated affair that is sure to thrill action movie lovers and costumed hero fans alike. Some will undoubtedly be offended by scenes featuring a pre-teen girl viciously dispatching legions of henchmen, but anyone with a sense of humour and an understanding that movies are make believe should be too busy giggling to notice any such party poopery.

The film follows a boring and anonymous teen who decides to become a crime-fighter known as Kick-Ass. Predictably, he's not very good at it.

But a grainy cell phone video makes him an internet sensation, drawing the attention of a local crime boss who wants to take down the costumed vigilante harming his family business.

Of course, that's not Kick-Ass but a scorned cop out for revenge who is played by Nicolas Cage (channeling Adam West) and has turned his 11-year-old daughter into a deadly assassin.

They're called Big Daddy and Hit Girl and (much like Kick-Ass and the rich boy hero Red Mist) they aren't actually superheroes, but damaged people just crazy enough to think it could work.

The story is relentlessly entertaining with just enough genre subversion and subtle commentary on new media celebrities to offer a brain behind the colorful explosions.

Films this odd and true to their own warped vision don't come along often and should be celebrated.

Superbad star Christopher Mintz-Plasse dons the cape in Kick-Ass.

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It's a wish-fulfillment loveletter to fanboy culture that lands enough successful jokes and punches to appeal to a wider crowd as well.

Kick-Ass was clearly designed to be a cult movie, which rarely works as cult films are supposed to be dismissed oddities rediscovered years after theatrical failure.

However, this movie strikes the right balance between humorous piss-take and legitimate thrills to develop that kind of devoted fanbase.

The only thing that could keep it from cult status is the fact that it's good enough to be a legitimate hit with audiences immediately.

Funeral not quite killer comedy

Death At A Funeral
Director: Neil LaBute
Stars: Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

REVIEW It's never clear why the world needed an American version of Death at a Funeral, Frank Oz's 2007 British comedy, but the result is entertaining all the same.

Collecting an all-star ensemble, the film follows the beleaguered Aaron (Chris Rock) as he tries to bury his recently deceased father while dealing with a number of family issues — not least of which is his resentment of younger brother Ryan (Martin Lawrence), the successful, limelight-hogging author. (Aaron, of course, is an aspiring writer himself, though he hasn't let anyone read his manuscript.)

Transplanting the story from England to Pasadena, Calif., few changes have been made to the plot.

Peter Dinklage even reprises his role as a mysterious guest with information about the deceased he assumes the family would like buried along with him.

Clockwise for left, Marin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock and Peter Dinklage get their laughs on in Death At A Funeral.

While very funny, the film suffers from two distinct problems, the first being its rush to tie up plot lines — or drop them altogether.

After spending most of the film pestering ex-girlfriend Elaine (Zoe Saldana) to take him back, Luke Wilson's character abruptly says he's just going to wait in the car, never to be seen again. Several other long-simmering family issues are resolved in far-to-brief conversations.

The other problem is Chris Rock himself, who seems ill-equipped to carry the film, even with such a huge ensemble around him.

Playing the straight man to so much insanity, Rock feels restrained, his stronger comic abilities wasted.

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Maddin's Mayor on NFB website
Canadian filmmaker Guy Maddin's Night Mayor has been added to the National Film Board of Canada's online collection. The film was recently awarded the Short Film Jury Award for Experimental Short at South by Southwest festival. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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'I like holding the gun'

Avatar star Saldana trigger-happy in The Losers

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After last year's Avatar and Star Trek, Zoe Saldana continues her streak of guy-friendly films as tough-as-nails Aisha in The Losers.

And as much as she'd like to play something softer some day, the New York native is more than happy to kick a little butt on screen. "Hollywood has made a living out of portraying women to be such canker sores. We just have to be rescued all the time because we're so incompetent," Saldana says.

"I grew up in Queens in the '80s, where women were the caretakers and they were the soldiers. I'm in that phase right now, so until I burn that, then I'll be the damsel in distress. But, right now, I like holding the gun. I like participating in the saving of the day. I think it's really sexy."

The Losers required Saldana to team up with co-star Jeffrey Dean Morgan for both adrenaline-filled fight scenes and a steamy love scene, which she didn't mind at all, she says.

"It helps that Jeffrey was such a gentleman and so respectful because trust me, as a woman, try doing that with a fricking prick," he says.

The Losers opens next Friday

"It's not a good day at work. You're the only one that's naked and you have to act like you're not aware that you're naked. And then, not only that, you have to flip your hair and have an orgasm. So, when you work with a good director and a good actor that makes it seem just like a regular Tuesday, then love scenes are like any other fight scene. They're just awesome."

Being the only woman in the cast, Saldana knew there was a lot of pressure on her.

"You have twice as much work to do because you don't want to be singled out. You're already the only girl. So if you're the one that says, 'I can't do this,' or whatever. It's going to be, 'Oh, my gosh, she's wimping out because she's a girl,'" she says. "I like being around men. I've always felt like I can hold my own."

That male-friendly attitude extended to off-hours activities as well, she admits, especially with the cast and crew on location in Puerto Rico. "I'm a beer-and-wine kind of girl and I like to unwind with the boys," she admits.

Avatar and Star Trek actress Zoe Saldana stars in The Losers.

The Eclipse a minor masterpiece

The Eclipse
Director: Conon McPherson
Stars: Aidan Quinn, Ciaran Hinds
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Aidan Quinn in The Eclipse.

REVIEW The classic ghost story movie has never relied on blood, guts and special effects to goose its audience, and even something as expensive and visceral as Poltergeist relied more on character and family dynamic to involve and disrupt viewers than any of its ample visual razzle dazzle.

But Irish filmmaker Conor McPherson's new film The Eclipse is something special, an emotionally resonant horror show that combines the dissonant thrills of The Others and the Sixth Sense with a quiet, sometimes unbearable melancholy.

Ciaran Hinds (in a magnetic turn) plays a haunted man, still mourning the death of his wife while raising his two daughters alone. As he goes about his days — and in particular, his nights — haunted, weighed down by loss, he starts experiencing jarring supernatural phenomena, sequences that are guaranteed to raise hackles.

When he becomes involved as a driver for two wildly diverse authors, a strange volatile romantic triangle develops. As tensions mount, the drama deepens and the ghosts keep rattling their chains.

The Eclipse is a real find. An intelligent, sensitive and often unbearably scary ghost story that combines a serious, impassioned love story with the primal terror of losing a loved one — and having them possibly return — with disarming results.

Hinds is fantastic as is Aidan Quinn as his romantic nemesis but the real star of the film is director McPherson, who takes his time with the film, never overselling either the emotion or the frights and framing every dark, delicious shot with painterly care.

It's a shame The Eclipse isn't getting a wider release. It's something of a minor masterpiece and , if time is kind, it might just become a classic.

Efron re-making Cash

Zac Efron is aiming to dabble in cinematic crime — he and Warner Bros. have won the rights to remake Swedish thriller Snabba Cash, according to the Heat Vision Blog. Efron will produce and star in the remake. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Tattoo leaves indelible mark

The Girl With
The Dragon Tattoo

Director: Niels Arden Oplev
Stars: Noomi Race, Michael Nyqvist
Classification: 18A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Noomi Rapace, left, plays tomboy-punk heroine in The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo.

Most contemporary American thrillers are models of economy, forgoing extensive character development in an attention maintaining rush to get the meat of the movie.

But the Swedish film has always been a model of restraint, taking its time to gently, effectively dig deep into the human element before unleashing whatever beast it has hidden up its sleeve.

Which is why the highly touted murder mystery drama The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo comes so highly recommended: It's as intimate and detailed as it is epic and jarring.

Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's powerful and very faithful film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who is framed for a crime he didn't commit.

As he prepares for his impending prison sentence, a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him.

She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title, a brilliant, streetwise computer hacker and would be detective who, after a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, becomes the scribe's partner, in more ways than one.

But that synopsis barely scratches the surface.

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo is a master class in how to effectively stage a shocker where every faculty is engaged.

Running over two and a half hours, the entire first hour of the film charts the parallel — yet completely alien — worlds that the two protagonists inhabit.

By the time the black as pitch murder mystery kicks in, and by the time these two somewhat wounded people connect to catch the killer, we are in love with the characters and completely understand their motives, weaknesses and, especially with Lisbeth, their breaking points.

Beautifully shot, exceedingly well acted (Rapace is a virtual force of nature), and unbearably suspenseful, the film has come under fire in some circles for its sporadic bursts of graphic, sexual violence.

Yes, the scenes in question are hard to stomach, but that's their intention.

They're never gratuitous and like every other element at work within The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, they're absolutely vital to fleshing out the narrative.

See this masterpiece before Hollywood gets their mitts on it for the inevitable remake.

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Atwell to play female lead in Captain America
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Movie **morsels**

Alice In Wonderland
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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. Burton regulars Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter take on the Mad Hatter and Red Queen respectively and unsurprisingly steal all or their scenes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Chloe
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REVIEW Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work. Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years. Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to re-eroticize a marriage." There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

Richard Crouse/For Metro Canada

The Crazies
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REVIEW The Crazies is not a zombie film. Sure, it deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name. But the fiends in The Crazies are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed Trixie.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Date Night
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REVIEW I'm not entirely sure where Date Night would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell. After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, directed by an often critically-aloof filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex. The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan. Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops with ties to the mafia escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive. From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which generates comic moments.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Hot Tub Time Machine
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REVIEW As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge. After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives. Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Last year's hit Zombieland starring Woody Harrelson, right.

Zombieland writers plotting 3-D sequel

Things are looking gruesome for Canadian-born screenwriter Paul Wernick and his partner Rhett Reese after the runaway success of last year's Zombieland.

The writing duo, who also executive-produced the Woody Harrelson comedy about a band of zombie apocalypse survivors, are in the midst of crafting a 3-D sequel that will more than likely send severed body parts sailing beyond the screen.

"A lot of 3-D movies, they're being careful not to include gags because they think it takes you out of the story," Reese said during a recent stop in Toronto for a screenwriting conference.

"Zombieland, by virtue of its crazy, silly tone, I think is a movie that should embrace gags. So if we can drive a laugh by having something pop out from the screen and land in your lap — whatever that something might be - then we'll do that in Zombieland. I don't think ours is the movie where we need to worry about taking people out of the experience. Ours is a silly movie, it's a ride movie, it's not exactly My Dinner with Andre.

Reese says he and Wernick, who was born in Toronto but moved to Phoenix, Ariz., as a kid, are still working out script ideas that must be approved by Sony Pictures before they can begin writing. While he says Zombieland" was crafted "in a vacuum, it's follow-up will be "more of a movie by committee."

"The reality in Hollywood is that when a movie makes a $100 million, suddenly it becomes an important part of the studio's slate," says Reese, who met Wernick in high school and later teamed up with him to create, executive-produce and write the acclaimed Joe Schmo Show.

"And so it becomes more of a consensual process. The second time out, that's the reality. Now it's our job to make sure that we don't lose the originality and the thrill-a-minute and not-knowing-where-it's-going-to-go-next even in the context of having it be a little bit more of a movie by committee."

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French connection in Caribbean

Disney has cast one of France's most in-demand young stars, Astrid Berges-Frisbey, in the key role of Syrena for Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. The actress plays a mermaid opposite Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow.

J-Lo's Plan working

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Jennifer Lopez returns to movie screens with The Back-Up Plan, her first film since since 2006's El Cantante with husband Marc Anthony.

But don't call it a comeback. "I don't really think of it that way. I was just home, kind of on maternity leave," Lopez insists. "Now, you know, my first movie's coming out since I was fat."

The Back-Up Plan opens next Friday

The years Lopez spent away from the camera could be considered research for her latest role as Zoe, a single woman who decides to stop waiting for a man and get pregnant through in vitro fertilization. Two years ago, Lopez gave birth to fraternal twins Emme and Max.

"So many things in this movie was art imitating life for me because I had just gone through the pregnancy," she says.

"It was really fresh in my mind."

But aside from the whole pregnancy thing, Lopez didn't necessarily have a lot in common with her character.

"Zoe and I are so opposite. She was so comfortable being alone, and I'm so uncomfortable being alone," she says.

"In a sense it made me admire her. I loved playing her because I envy people like this. I kind of wish I was like her."

Jennifer Lopez returns to acting after a four-year hiatus in The Back-Up Plan, also starring Alex O'Loughlin.

Looking at Lopez in The Back-Up Plan, it's hard to tell she had a pair of six-month-olds at home, but she insists recovering her famous curves wasn't easy.

"Getting back into shape was challenging, like it is for anyone who has a baby," she admits.

"The first few pounds drop off really fast, and then you're stuck with those last 10 to 20 pounds. And then you've really got to get disciplined." Having a movie to shoot proved to be the perfect motivation. "That was another level of having to not eat as much," she remembers.

"No bread, no sugar. You really start having to think about those things because being on camera, you have a responsibility to look good. And if you don't, you'll hear about it."

Lopez is continuing her don't-call-it-a-comeback comeback with a new album entitled Love? set to be released this summer. It's been a tough road for Love? after Lopez parted ways with Epic Records and signing with Def Jam Records.

"They've heard what I've been working on already, everybody's very happy with it. We just need to finish it," she says.

Oddball comics making the leap

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Batman, Superman, Spiderman and Iron Man are the gold standard for comic book characters on the big screen. Between them they have grossed a heroic amount of money, literally adding billions of dollars to box office tallies. They are the bigwigs, the VIPs of the superhero world, but there are dozens of other, lesser known, comic book characters that have made the leap from the page to the stage.

Hit Girl, the ruthless eleven-year-old vigilante played by Chloë Grace Moretz in this weekend's Kick-Ass, might not be a match for Batman's bat-shaped ninja shurikens or his box office pull, but Jeff Moss, the proprietor of Montreal's coolest comic book shop, The 4th Wall, says her story has all the makings of a great movie adaptation.

"For a comic to make a good movie it must have first and foremost good characters," he says. "Also, if the story's not there, it's not going to make a good movie. Next up, it's got to have good visuals and decent "whoa" moments."

The 1999 superhero comedy Mystery Men — based on Flaming Carrot Comics by Bob Burden — works because of the mix of story and offbeat characters. Paul Reubens, for instance, plays The Spleen, a crime fighter who uses turbo flatulence to level his enemies and Leader of the Disco Boys as played by Eddie Izzard neutralizes his adversaries with a can of highly flammable hairspray.

The Mystery Men was turned into a film in 1999.

It doesn't have the all-American heroics of Superman, but Mystery Men has become a cult classic.

Bulletproof Monk, loosely based on Michael Avon Oeming's comic book, delivers on Moss's "whoa" moments. Chow Yun-Fat, hot off of the success of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, starred as a Tibetan monk who trains a street kid to protect a sacred scroll. Its combination of martial arts and humour didn't score at the box office, but it makes for a good rental.

While it may seem that every comic ever written has been turned into movies — an IMDB search for based-on-comic-book returned 607 titles — not all necessarily lend themselves to the Hollywood treatment.

"Some of my favourite comics that have yet to be made into movies include Preacher, Transmetropolitan, Nextwave, and Bone," says Moss.

"All of these books have rich characters, and amazing storylines, but the sheer size of them (Bone clocks in at 1300 pages, and Preacher runs nine volumes) would require either a series of movies, or a supreme dumbing down of the stories."

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3-D dollars from theatres making up for DVD sales slump

FILM BUSINESS Extra revenue being pulled in by 3-D movies at the box office can more than make up for the money lost from falling sales of DVDs, according to the CEO of movie studio DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc.

Jeffrey Katzenberg, one of the biggest proponents of the big-screen format, said Wednesday that the 3-D revolution is reversing a decades-long trend that saw Hollywood studios become more reliant on home videos for their revenue and profit than on theatrical releases.

"Suddenly, the theatrical marketplace has turned in the opposite direction," he said in an interview following his appearance at a conference held by the National Association of Broadcasters in Las Vegas.

His company's forecast for its upcoming sequel Shrek Forever After follows the pattern. "Whatever the decline would be for Shrek when it goes to the home video market will be more than offset by the incremental revenue we'll see from 3-D," he said.

But he implored studios to keep up the quality of 3-D movies. He has criticized Warner Bros. for converting Clash of the Titans into 3-D after seeing the success of "Avatar" in theatres using what he called a "quick and cheap post-production process."

"Suddenly, the theatrical marketplace has turned in the opposite direction."
Dreamworks CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg

Clash was shot using regular 2-D cameras, while Avatar was shot with 3-D cameras and had actors don special suits that allowed their movements and expressions to be recreated in 3-D using computer software. All of DreamWorks' animated movies are also created in 3-D from the start. Some critics say the conversion process leads to images that aren't immersive, but look like they are on separate flat planes.

"I just want us all to be cautious and to err to the side of delivering more than expected, not the minimum level or less than expected," Katzenberg said.

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The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Sat 3:20 Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
A Single Man (PG) Sat 1:30 Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Vancouver Festival of Ocean Films (STC) Fri-Sat 7

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Date Night (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:6:45-9:15 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8
How to Train Your Dragon (G) DTS Digital Fri 7:15-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7:15-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-7:45
Kick-Ass (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:20-8:15

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

Can Go Through Skin (STC) Wed 7:30
House (STC) Fri-Tue 7-8:45
It's a Long Road (STC) Thu 9
A Soul so Deep (STC) Thu 6:30
To Kill a Mockingbird (STC) Tue 1
Whale Rider (G) Sun 1

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:45-4-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15
The Secret in Their Eyes (STC) A.M. Sun 10

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:30 Thu 4-9:30
Tales of Beatrix Potter: London's Royal Ballet at Covent Garden (STC) A.M. Sat 10

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Black Cat, White Cat (STC) Thu 7:30
The Goonies (STC) Fri 12
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation 2010 (STC) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:30 Tue-Wed 7-9:30
Stand by Me (STC) Fri

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 12:20-3:10-6:45-9:30 Thu 3:10-6:45-9:30
Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Mon 11:45-3:20-6:50-10:20 Tue 10:20 Wed-Thu 6:50-10:20
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:15-7:50-10:45 Thu 4:15-7:50-10:45
Date Night (PG) Fri 12:10-2:30-5:7:40-10:10 Sat 12:15-2:50-5:7:40-10:10 Sun-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:40-10:10 Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:20-9:50
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10-10:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-7:45-10:25 Mon 1:30-4:10:25 Tue 10:25 Wed-Thu 7:45-10:25
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 12:30-1-3:40-4:10-7-7:30-10-10:40 Sat 1-3:40-4:10-7-7:30-10-10:40 Sun 12:30-1-3:40-4:10-7-7:30-10-10:40 Mon 12:30-1-3:40-4:10-7-10-10:40 Tue 12:30-3:40-7-10-10:40 Wed 12:30-3:40-7-7:30-10-10:40 Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7
When You're Strange (PG) Sat 1

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:25-9:50
City Island (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:10
Death At a Funeral (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:10-10:25
The Eclipse (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:50-5:10-7:40-10
Formosa Betrayed (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:35-10:05
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:30-7:20-10:15
Greenberg (14A) Fri-Wed 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Tue 1:30-4-6:30-9 Wed-Thu 1:30-4-9
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7
The Last Song (G) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Wed 1:40-4:20-9:40 Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:40
Max Manus (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:55
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35
A Shine of Rainbows (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:05-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:10-10:20

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.ca

Encirclement: Neo-Liberalism Ensnares Democracy (STC) Tue 7
In Search of Beethoven (STC) Fri 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sat-Mon Wed-Thu

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:30 Wed-Thu 9:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:50
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Tue 8

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:20-4-8 Mon-Thu 8
Date Night (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:2:15-4:30-6:50-9:10 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:10 Wed 9:10
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10
The Last Song (G) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:35 Sat 1:35-4:20-7-9:35 Sun 1:35-4:20-7 Mon-Thu 4:20-7
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:50 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15
Date Night (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:45 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:45 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:30-4:15-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:55 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
The Last Song (G) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-7
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30 Wed 12:30-3:30-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-9:35
Avatar (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:25-7:15-10:20 Thu 12:50-4:25-10:20
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:55-10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:30-10:30
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:35-3:30-4:35-6:45-7:40-9:30-9:55
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:40-7:50-10:40
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:05-7:30-10:05 Thu 1:20-4:05-7:30
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:10
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Wed 12:35-3:40-6:35-9:40
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-6:50-9:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Wed 12:55-3:55-6:40-9:35 Thu 3:55-6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:30
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:45-10:15-10:45
The Last Song (G) Fri-Wed 1:05-4:20-7:25-10:35 Thu 4:20-7:25-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 12-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 7:20-10:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:35-7:05-10:30 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:35-10:30

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 5-7-9 Sat-Sun 3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 5 Sat-Sun 3-5 Mon-Thu 5

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:45-9:55
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:15-7:10-10 Wed 12:30-3:15-10:10 Thu 7:15-10:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:30
Date Night (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:55-9:35
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:05-7:20-9:50
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:30
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Wed 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:45 Thu 11:45-2:20-4:40
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:45-4:20-6:50-9:25
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10-10
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-7:30-10:05
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 11:30-2-4:15-6:45-9:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Avatar (14A) Fri 5-9 Sat 1-5-9 Sun 1-4:35-8 Mon-Thu 4-7:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 4:05-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:20-4:05-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:05-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 4:10-7:10-10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
Remember Me (STC) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:20-7:30
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12-3:25-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 12-3:25-9:50
Avatar (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:50-7:15-10:10 Wed 3:50-7:15-10:10 Thu 12:50-3:50-7:15-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-7:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:40-7:40-10:30
Date Night (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4:25-7:45-10:30 Wed 4:25-7:45-10:30 Thu 1-4:25-7:45-10:30 Fri-Thu 12:20-3:15-7:05-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-7:20-10:25
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Wed 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:55 Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Thu 2-6:50-10:10
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4:15-7:25-10:25 Thu 1-4:15-10:25
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4-7:25-10:45
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:25
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:10-4:45-7:30-10
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-1:10-3:10-4:30-7:10-7:40-10:05-10:40
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-3-6:55-9:45
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 12-2:15-4:30-7-9:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:05
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:30-7-10:15

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 7
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 9:05
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Avatar (14A) Fri 5:20-8:30 Sat-Sun 2-5:20-8:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri 4:30-6:30-8:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-6:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30-8:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Sat-Sun 12-2:15
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Sat-Sun 12

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:40
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:20 Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Wed 6:30-9:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10
Date Night (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10:05 Wed 3-5:20-7:40-10:05 Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri-Tue 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:50-10:15 Wed 5:10-7:50-10:15 Thu 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:50-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Wed 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:40 Thu 1:20-3:50-9:40
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50
Jawani Zindabad (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:20
The Last Song (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:30
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Paathshaala (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:30
Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-7:10-10

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 7:05
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:35-4:15-7:05-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:35-4:15-9:50
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:35
Clash of the Titans (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:40-9:30
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:20-10
Date Night (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:45-4:35-6:55-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:35-6:55-9:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1
Death At a Funeral (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:25-9:55
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:15-4:7-9:15
Green Zone (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 9:15
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:30-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-6:45-9:20
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30
Kick-Ass (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:15-10:10
The Last Song (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:45
Oceans (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:7-9:15
Shutter Island (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:10-6:35-9:40

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterionttheatres.com

Date Night (PG) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 7:10-9
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criteriontheatres.com

Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Thu 7:30-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Sat-Sun 2:30
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri 7:10-9 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:10-9 Mon-Tue 7:10-9 Wed 7:10 Thu 7:10-9
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 7:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 2-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:35
The Last Song (G) Fri 7-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7-9:05 Mon-Thu 7-9:05

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30 Mon-Tue 3:30 Wed 3:30-7:20 Thu 7:20
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Tue 4:25-7:20-10:20 Wed-Thu 4:25-10:20
Avatar (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 5:30-9
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:45-7:15-10:10 Mon-Tue 3:45-7:15-10:10 Wed-Thu 3:45-10:10
Clash of the Titans (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-7:05-9:55 Mon-Wed 3:30-7:05-9:55 Thu 3:30-10:25
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:7:40-10:25
Date Night (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-1:25-3:55-4:40-7:7:35-9:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:55-4:40-7:7:35-9:45-10:15
Death At a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Tue 3:40-7:10-9:40 Wed 7:10-9:40 Thu 3:40-7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:35-5:7:40-10:05 Mon-Tue 5:7:40-10:05 Wed 10:05 Thu 5:7:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri-Sun 12-3:35-7:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-7:10-10:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25-10:10
How to Train Your Dragon (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:20 Mon-Wed 3:50-6:45-9:20 Thu 3:50-6:45
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45-10:25
How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:40
Kenny Chesney: Summer in 3D (G) Wed-Thu 7
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:05-3:50-4:20-7-7:30-10-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-4:20-7-7:30-10-10:30
The Last Song (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:35-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:55-9:50
National Theater Live Habit of Art (STC) Thu 7
Oceans (G) No Passes Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
A Shine of Rainbows (STC) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:55-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Wed 7:10-10:25

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Sat 8:15 Sun-Thu 10:30
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun-Thu 8:15

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Music

The jean machine

Library Voices overcome fear of pop on debut Denim on Denim

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

We've all got phobias, but this is a new one: A fear of pop music. That's not a clinical fear, of course, but it's something Michael Dawson, organist and guitarist for Regina's Library Voices, had to overcome.

"We had been terrified of the word pop for years," he says. "It was a little too shunned upon for us to take it and run with it."

But you can't keep a good pop song down, and soon enough Dawson ditched playing in "noisy" bands and embraced his love of the Beach Boys and the Kinks and The New Pornographers.

Dawson, and his seven other bandmates, realized that bubbly pop wasn't something to hide from when they did what every 20-something with a vinyl collection does — listen to old records. "We heard these old tracks that we loved over the years and came to the conclusion that there's so much more to these songs than guitar, bass and vocals. It's so dense. Until we were into our 20s we never stopped to consider a harmonica."

It was then the band was born. Library Voices sounds a lot like The New Pornographers — multi-layered harmonies, rich, peppy instrumentation, chants, cheers and male, female vocals. It's incredibly catchy and while the band still have some work to do before they write an album as brilliant as the Pornos' Mass Romantic, their well crafted power pop tunes should only get better with time.

Denim on Denim features multi-layered harmonies, rich instrumentation and male and female vocals.

Despite being relative newcomers on the Canadian music scene, they're already garnering a ton of buzz. In 2008 Spin.com listed them as a band to watch and they've shared stages with the likes of Stars and Plants & Animals. Now, with Denim on Denim, their first full length, out, they're starting to see their audiences grow.

"Attendance is picking up," says Dawson. "We've put in the work — over 100 shows last year — and people are starting to take notice."

"Who knows what will happen. Things started slowly this year, but they're picking up like crazy."
Michael Dawson

The more popular they get, though, the more demands will be placed on the Saskatchewan band. Dawson says they're all in for the long haul and the ones that weren't already left the group. "There were 10 of us," he reveals. "But two parted ways. Everyone understands to put music first."

Still, with eight people it's not easy to coordinate schedules. On one seven-week tour, they had to find another drummer, and other obligations have kept band members away here and there. "It's something that has to be catered to each of us, especially when it's costing money," Dawson explains.

With some label interest — he won't say from who — and more work on the horizon it's a good bet the entire Library Voices crew will stick around to see where the music will take them. "Who knows what will happen," he says. "Things started slowly this year, but they're picking up like crazy."

Taking a spin on Record Store Day

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

On the third Saturday of every April, music geeks celebrate Record Store Day, an annual worldwide event held to remind us of the cultural importance of those places where we've gathered to discover and discuss music. Nick Hornby's High Fidelity will come to life in no fewer than 107 shops across Canada and thousands more around the world.

As a professional music geek — it says so right on my business card — Record Store Day always makes me wax nostalgic about, well, where I've purchased some of my wax over the years.

Irene Pearson's Furniture Store: Although Winnipeg is just 20 miles from where I grew up, its record stores might as well have been on the other side of the planet. Thankfully, Irene had a small box of the latest Top 40 records on the front counter. All my paper route money disappeared into that box of seven-inch singles.

Sam the Record Man: If you're of a certain age, there's a 99.9 per cent possibility that you bought music at one of Sam Sniderman's stores. I discovered new wave through a Devo 45 playing in a store in the Garden City Shopping Centre.

Thousands of shops around the world will mark Record Store Day this Saturday.

Sound Exchange: Two blocks away from the University of Winnipeg is a crowded musty shop filled with trade-ins. Not wanting to pay full price for a record by a band I'd never heard on the radio, I was able to check out Joy Division's Unknown Pleasures for two bucks.

Record Peddler: Customers at the long-gone location across from Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens had their selections brutally critiqued by whoever was manning the cash register. I'm still gutted that I didn't buy an obscure 12-inch EP by a group called 69 Tribe featuring a song called Bikers.

Rough Trade: Almost 10 years ago I asked Nigel, an affable chap behind the counter at the Notting Hill branch, for something new and interesting. He handed me De Stijl from the White Stripes. "They're gonna be mega," he said.

Amoeba Records: This is THE place to go in L.A. Always pay very close attention to the staff picks on the end-of-aisle displays.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

From Transformers to TV shows

Michael Bay is making his first foray into television. The Transformers director will co-produce One Way Out. It pits ordinary people against each other as they try to keep their pasts hidden. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

The good actress: Margulies

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Ten years after leaving ER, Julianna Margulies finds herself back on television with another bona fide hit, the legal drama The Good Wife, which earned the actress critical acclaim as well as a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild award after only a few episodes had aired.

On the series, Margulies stars as Alicia Florrick, who returns to practicing law after her politician husband (Chris Noth) is embroiled in a sex scandal. Margulies spoke to Metro about infidelity, power and why women are better at dealing with both.

Q How do you relate to what your character is going through?

A The great thing about playing this role is we don't know what is going to happen... Everything she is doing right now is because she has children, and I think she is trying to piece together a family somehow and make sure that her children are safe, but we don't know what is going to happen. I don't know what I would do personally. Every situation is different, and who is to say? You don't know what happens in a bedroom, you know. You are not there. So we are very quick to judge these women. The thing I love is the premise of this show — is there such a thing as forgiveness?

Q Is there?

A I don't know. I think it's tricky. I've had friends whose husbands have absolutely had midlife crises and ended up with the nanny and woke up a year later and said, "I am an idiot. Take me back," and they have and it's worked out. I have friends who say, "Screw you, see you later," and now they are off remarried with a great guy. I can't imagine it happening to me, but I'm a newlywed. But all I know is, God forbid it ever did, I would want to try and do everything I could to try and save my marriage because I believe in the institution of marriage.

Q Why do you think people are so fascinated by these kinds of sex scandals?

A I guess it's a fantasy world to everyone else ... A politician is different than anything else. There's a power you have that's different than anything else.

Q Do you think women deal with power differently?

A Absolutely! We are programmed differently.

Even if you have never been married with children, we still know how to multitask. Someone asked me, "Why is it that women are not having the affairs?" And my answer is, we don't have the time. I'm sure women are having affairs, but if you have a full-time job and you're a mother and a wife and a friend and a sister and a daughter, when on earth are you going to find the time to slip out and have some nookie? I can't imagine having to fit that in.

Q Was the show based on what happened with New York Governor Eliot Spitzer and his wife?

A I would be remiss to say that it's based solely on the Spitzers because it is not. It's an accumulation of what happened to many of these women. I think Eliot Spitzer was very good at his job. Unfortunately, he thought he was untouchable and he did bad things.

Q If he returned to politics, would you vote for him?

A I don't know. I would have to see what was on his agenda before I did that. But for me, personally, when the whole thing happened with Bill Clinton, he was still a great president. I did not care that he was getting blowjobs from women. That had nothing to do with my view of how America was being run. I am more liberal that way.

Below: Julianna Margulies.

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V is for... a very interesting role

NEW SERIES There was a time when playing a priest on TV was a heavenly assignment.

These days, after weeks of headlines dealing with decades of abuse within the Catholic Church, drawing the priest role on TV can be pure hell.

Which is why Joel Gretsch is happy to be playing a noble if complex man of the cloth in the sci-fi drama V.

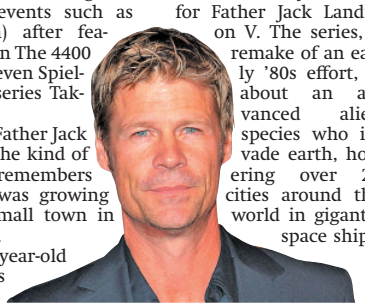
Gretsch is no stranger to sci-fi (or events such as Comic-Con) after feature roles in The 4400 and the Steven Spielberg miniseries Taken.

He says Father Jack Landry is the kind of priest he remembers when he was growing up in a small town in Minnesota.

The 46-year-old remembers attending leadership camps, "and was always around priests playing softball and going to mass and, you know, legitimate things about what it's like to be a priest," he told a small group of international reporters recently in Los Angeles.

He still sees the priesthood as "a very interesting, wonderful, noble thing to do and it's a complex thing to do."

That's certainly the case for Father Jack Landry on V. The series, a remake of an early '80s effort, is about an advanced alien species who invade earth, hovering over 29 cities around the world in gigantic space ships.



They seem to come in peace but, as the series unfolds, it becomes clear that their motives are far more sinister.

Morena Baccarin plays Anna, the beautiful and charismatic leader of the extra-terrestrial visitors, while FBI counter-terrorism agent Erica Evans (Elizabeth Mitchell, also seen on Lost) is among those who suspect these charming visitors have a hidden agenda.

V airs Tuesday nights on ABC

Gretsch's Father Jack is a former U.S. Army chaplain and is one of the first to discover these visitors may not be the benevolent saviours they make themselves out to be. The arrival of these aliens from another world at first leads Landry to a crisis of faith.

"He's a studied guy," Gretsch says of his character.

"To become a priest, you are reading a lot of literature, and you have to understand what was written in the past about God and your relationship to God."

When the aliens show up and start offering cures for many human ailments, it shakes Landry's understanding of a higher power and his own place in the universe.

"How do you equate that with God?" Gretsch asks. "They come here with all the technology to help people and people are looking to them as saviours. It's very upsetting for my character."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A dog's life can really help a human one

DOCUMENTARY Jennifer Arnold spends her life breeding, training and matching service dogs for people with disabilities or special needs.

It was her own quest for a dog that saw her through her darkest years when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and her father's death dimmed her chance for independence.

"I remember not wanting to leave the house," she said. "I felt very awkward, scared. It surprised me how frightened I was to be left alone. You feel so vulnerable."

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Neil patrick Harris narrators the doc Through a Dog's Eyes.

Arnold has written a book, Through a Dog's Eyes, that comes out in September.

A PBS documentary based on the book and narrated by Neil Patrick Harris debuts April 21 (check local listings for time).

Harris, star of How I Met Your Mother and a dog owner, said he was "wildly moved" by the documentary about the bond between the service canines and the people they help.

"You can see it in the faces of these dogs," he said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Television

Sex charge halts Seagal show

Production of a television show featuring reserve deputy and movie star Steven Seagal will be suspended "for the time being" as Seagal faces sexual harassment allegations, a suburban New Orleans sheriff said Wednesday.

Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand said the continued video recording of the reality series, Steven Seagal Lawman, would be a distraction for the department in light of allegations made against Seagal by a woman in a California civil lawsuit.

Kayden Nguyen, a 23-year-old model, sued Seagal for $1 million on Monday in Los Angeles, alleging he sexually harassed her and engaged in sex trafficking. Her lawsuit claims Seagal hired her as an executive assistant and flew her to Louisiana while he was making the reality series and repeatedly groped and fondled her.

Steven Seagal

She claims she was kept at a house in Lafitte, La., for several days and that Seagal repeatedly fondled and groped her, touching her genitals and breasts without permission. She claims two other women were kept at the house and were used by the actor for sexual purposes.

She also claims Seagal forced her to take illegal prescription medications and that she repeatedly complained to others on Seagal's staff but wasn't allowed to leave the home.

Seagal's attorney, Marty Singer, denied the allegations and said in a statement that Nguyen was fired for illegal drug use.

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FRIDAY 4/16/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	News		NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at San Jose Sharks. (Live) (CC)				CBC News: The National		The Hour
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer "Do Over"		Medium "Once in a Lifetime"		The Bridge "Brown Sugar"		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	90210 Liam's father visits.		Shark Tank (CC)		Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Trauma "Tunnel Vision"		Murdoch Mysteries		Departures (CC) (DVS)		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Upgrade" (N)		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Do Over"		Medium "Once in a Lifetime"		Miami Medical (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Secrets of the Mountain (2010, Adventure) Barry Bostwick.				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	House "Private Lives" (CC)		Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Doc Zone (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) (CC)				Larry King Live (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Hockey	The Rookies	The Rookies	Canucks TV	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Phoenix Coyotes. (Subject to Blackout)					SportsCentre	X-Games	Motorcycle	F1 Racing
	552	543	25 YTV	New York Minute ★★ (2004, Comedy) Ashley Olsen. (CC)				Things I Hate	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Prank Patrol
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	Ultimate Avengers 2: Rise of the Panther		
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Master's Orders-Pilot		Poirot (CC)		Dalziel and Pascoe (CC)		Is the Crown at War With Us? ★★★ (CC)		
	575	583	20 CMT	Sessions	Backstage	Carrie Underwood		Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Acc'ding/Jim
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "P911"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not to Wear Awards		What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not to Wear "Jessie"		What Not
	616	522	39 SHO	Relic Hunter (CC)		Behind the Wall (2008) Lindy Booth, James Thomas. (CC)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits (CC)
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:55) Shrek the Third ★★ (2007) Voices of Mike Myers.				(8:50) Bring It On: In It to Win It (2007) Ashley Benson. (CC)				My Best
	603	561	69 FN	Diners, Drive	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Diners	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive
	-	-	55 AMC	(5:00) The Shining ★★★ (1980) (CC)			The Shining ★★★ (1980, Horror) Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall, Danny Lloyd. (CC)					
	320	621	60 CEN	Shake Hands With the Devil		Gamer ★ (2009) Gerard Butler. Premiere.			(:35) Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ★★ (2008) (CC)			
	581	566	101 MTV	16 and Pregnant (CC)		1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	After Show	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	Movie Night	After

SATURDAY 4/17/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Vancouver Canucks. (Subject to Blackout) (Live) (CC)						News	Alien ★★★★ (1979) (CC)	
	250	321	9 CTV	W5 (N) (CC) (DVS)		Flashpoint (CC) (DVS)		Law & Order (CC)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	The Perfect Assistant (2008, Drama) Rachel Hunter. (CC)				Love-Death	G-Spot (CC)	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	One Way Out (2002, Suspense) James Belushi. (CC) (DVS)				Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Frequency ★★★ (2000) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caviezel.				CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Paid Program (CC)		NCIS: Los Angeles (CC)		Strikeforce Saturday Night Fights (Same-day Tape) (CC)				KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	The Biggest Loser (CC)		Law & Order (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Shark Tale ★★ (2004, Comedy) Voices of Will Smith. (CC)				Castle "The Third Man"		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Wanda Sykes
news	502	390	23 NW	Mexico's Drug War (CC)		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	Mexico's Drug War (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Newsroom
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA. (Taped)				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	(6:30) SportsCentre (CC)		Boxing		College Basketball				SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium ★★ (2007) Premiere.				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Nefertiti, Lost Dynasty		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Vixen's Run" (CC)				Is Crown-War
	575	583	20 CMT	Rodeo		The Show	Talkin' 'Bout	Gilmore Girls (CC)		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Tuckerville
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	616	522	39 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Storm Cell (2008) Mimi Rogers, Elyse Levesque. (CC)				American Gangster ★★★ (2007) Premiere.		
	294	650	47 TBS	(5:55) Shrek 2 ★★★ (2004)		(7:50) College Road Trip ★ (2008) (CC)			(:35) Bring It On Again ★ (2004) Anne Judson-Yager. (CC)			
	603	561	69 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Chopped "Sticking to It"		Nightmares
	-	-	55 AMC	The Mummy	(:45) The Mummy ★★★ (1999, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah.						Lara Croft Tomb Raider	
	320	621	60 CEN	(4:30) Coco Chanel (2008)		Away We Go ★★ (2009) John Krasinski.		(:40) Milk ★★★★ (2008) Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch. (CC)				
	581	566	101 MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After Show	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Movie Night	1 girl 5 gays	After	After

SUNDAY 4/18/10

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Colorado Avalanche.				Hockeyville on CBC: 2010		CBC News: The National		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Desperate Housewives (N)		The 2010 JUNO Awards Billy Talent, Blue Rodeo, Drake.				Big Bang Th	Two Men	CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland Sh	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N) (CC)		Solar Attack (2006) Louis Gossett Jr. (CC) (DVS)				Law & Order (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Funniest Home Videos		The 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami "Kill Zone"		CSI: NY "Hush" (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The 45th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Minute to Win It (N) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake/tsunami. (CC)				CBC News: The National		Shock Wave (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
family sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	NHL Hockey		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Motoring	Motorcycle	Homecoming-Rick Reilly		SportsCentre
	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) Agent Cody Banks ★★		(2003) (CC)	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Spliced	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic (CC)		The Royal (CC)		Cracker (N) (CC)		The Whistleblowers (CC)		Beautiful
	575	583	20 CMT	Meet-Wilsons	Wilsons	Star Crossed	Star Crossed	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith
	615	520	31 A&E	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	G. Simmons	G. Simmons		G. Simmons	Kirstie Alley
	521	560	34 TLC	Hoarding: Buried Alive (N)		Accidental Fortune (CC)		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Lottery-Life
	616	522	39 SHO	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	Odysseus and the Isle of the Mists (2008) Arnold Vosloo.				Envy ★ (2004) Ben Stiller, Jack Black. (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Meet the Parents ★★★ (2000) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller.				RV ★★ (2006, Comedy) Robin Williams, Jeff Daniels.				Herbie
	603	561	69 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	55 AMC	Breaking Bad "Mas" (N)		(:02) Breaking Bad "Mas"		(:03) Mad Men "The Fog"		(:02) Breaking Bad "Mas"		Jeremiah
	320	621	60 CEN	(5:55) Orphan ★★ (2009)		Changeling ★★★ (2008, Drama) Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich. (CC)					Traitor ★★★ (2008) (CC)	
	581	566	101 MTV	The Challenge		1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Life, Liz	Life, Liz	The Challenge		1 girl 5 gays

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DeGeneres' vegan diet

Ellen DeGeneres credits her figure to her vegan diet. The 52-year-old television presenter admits her youthful looks and toned physique are thanks to her long-time decision to not eat meat and avoid sugar. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Going Out

Mix of Six

Annual Vaisakhi Parade

When: Saturday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Gurdwara Dashmesh Darbar Temple, Surrey

One of the largest Vaisakhi parades outside India with between 80,000 – 200,000 spectators expected. Vaisakhi, one of the most important festivals in Sikhism, celebrates the Sikh New Year and the birth of the Sikh identity. More info: surrey.ca.

Bike the Blossoms Ride

When: Saturday register from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: Museum of Vancouver

See the best of Vancouver's cherry blossom neighbourhoods. All ride registrants receive free entry (on the day) to VanDusen Botanical Garden and half-price entry into the Museum of Vancouver. Cost: $10. More info: greatrides.ca.

B.C. Home & Garden Weekend

When: Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Park Royal Shopping Centre South Mall

This two-day event encourages people to "ask an expert" for ideas and advice, and offers shopping for home care needs. More info: bchomeandgardenshow.com.

Telus World Ski & Snowboard Festival

When: Friday to Sunday April 25
Where: Whistler

The 10-day showcase of skiing, snowboarding, concerts, fashion shows, contests and giveaways, will be taking over Whistler. Bringing together art, music and sports this festival has something for everyone. General admission: Free. Paid entry to some events. More info: wssf.com

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

When: Friday/Saturday 8 p.m, Saturday/Sunday 2 p.m.
Where: The Massey Theatre

The Andrew Lloyd Weber musical tells the story of Joseph from the Hebrew bible and his abilities with his coat. Tickets start at $20 and can be purchased at the box office or online at masseytheatre.com.

Burn the Floor

When: Friday to Saturday
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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Juno Awards

MUSIC Canada's recording industry gathers on The Rock this weekend for the 2010 incarnation of the music awards. The show will feature more than a dozen acts, and include segments shot live on George Street in downtown St. John's, N.L. CTV will air the show and stream it on its website, CTV.ca.

2 Girl With the Dragon Tattoo

MOVIES With the Swedish film opening in Canadian theatres this weekend, Hollywood is busy speculating on who will star in an American-version of the movie, based on a book trilogy by Stieg Larsson. Among the names being thrown around to play the lead role is Kristen Stewart — who is no stranger to trilogies thanks to the Twilight books.

3 The Bedwetter, by Sarah Silverman

BOOK There is a wonderful disclaimer from publisher Harper Collins at the start of Silverman's book: If you are offended by stripping naked in public, or stabbing your boss in the head by a writing implement, then this book may not be for you. If you aren't in any way nauseated, then you should buy it. I guess Silverman knows her demo.

4 Hollywood Hellraisers

POP CULTURE Tiger Woods and Jesse James may be the new bad boys of celeb gossip, but they're nothing compared to some of Hollywood's past hellraisers. In his book, Hollywood Hellraisers — now in paperback — Robert Sellers examines the fast times of Marlon Brando, Dennis Hopper, Warren Beatty and others.

5 Conan O'Brien

TV Late night's dethroned prince is returning to the realm of 11 p.m. this November, after the red-haired host signed a deal with TBS for a new talk show. The news came as O'Brien started his two-month comedy tour across Canada and the U.S. As always, he added a bit of humour to his announcement: "The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The bad news: I'll be playing Rudy on the all new Cosby Show," he Tweeted.

6 Xavier Dolan

AWARDS It's been quite the year for the Quebec filmmaker. On Monday the phenom director of I Killed My Mother (J'ai tué ma mere) received the Claude Jutra Award from the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, and now its been announced his second feature, Les amours imaginaries, will be screened at the Cannes Film Festival.

7 Avatar

DVD In time for Earth Day, the record-breaking film with an eco-message is making its DVD debut. If you are one of the few who hasn't seen it in theatres, you can now add to its total gross by buying it on Thursday.

Cameron lauds decision to delay bids on Amazon dam

Director James Cameron is applauding a Brazilian judge's decision to temporarily halt bidding on a huge hydroelectric dam, yet he warns the fight is not over in what he calls a "real-life Avatar" battle in the Amazon.

A federal judge in Para state on Wednesday delayed the April 20 auction for construction of what would be the world's third-largest hydroelectric project.

He said more time was needed to examine claims that Amazon Indians living near the site weren't consulted about the project and that insufficient environmental protection measures were put in place.

"It's a small victory for us, but I don't expect the battle is over," Cameron told The Associated Press by telephone from the small Amazon city of Altamira, where he was lending support to project opponents.

Government lawyers were analyzing the decision Thursday and will appeal it soon, said a spokeswoman for Brazil's solicitor general's office. She spoke on condition of anonymity due to department policy.

Avatar director James Cameron.

"No one worries more about taking care of the Amazon and our Indians than we do."
Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva strongly supports construction of the Belo Monte dam, arguing it will help Brazil meet its ever-growing energy needs. Silva on Wednesday also criticized international pressure to stop the dam project.

"No one worries more about taking care of the Amazon and our Indians than we do," Silva said Wednesday in a speech in Sao Paulo.

Silva also said, without mentioning Cameron by name, that people from developed nations should not lecture Brazil on the environment because those countries spent centuries destroying their own forests.

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Bone Thugs-N-Harmony rapper denies '98 domestic charges

MUSIC A rapper from the group Bone Thugs-N-Harmony said this week that he did not hit his mother with a gun more than a decade ago, a charge that led to his arrest during a recent concert in Ohio.

Flesh-N-Bone, whose real name is Stanley Howse, said he was unaware of the domestic violence and felonious assault charges from 1998 when he was taken into custody last month during a show in the group's hometown of Cleveland.

Sheriff's spokesman John O'Brien said then that deputies didn't wait until after the show because Howse seemed to notice them, invited audience members to the stage and tried to slip out. He was arrested backstage.

The 36-year-old rapper said Wednesday night before a concert in Atlanta that he did not remember the 1998 incident. He is accused of leaving a one-inch gash on his mother's head. O'Brien said his mother and two witnesses described the incident.

"It didn't happen," Howse said while group members Krayzie Bone, Layzie Bone and Wish Bone sat beside him. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony is currently on a promotional tour for the upcoming album, Uni-5: The World's Enemy, which will be released May 4.

Howse said he and his mother have a solid relationship and she is still very upset about his arrest. He said she lived with him for a year after he was released from a California jail in 2008 after he was sentenced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Band's success

- Bone Thugs-N-Harmony won a Grammy in 1997 for best rap performance for the song Crossroads.

South Park creators heading to Broadway
The duo behind South Park are heading to Broadway. South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone will debut their musical comedy, The Book of Mormon, in March 2011, The Associated Press reports. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Friendships unite country stars

Call them country music's young guns, a new generation of stars who are bound not only by chart-topping talent but by friendship.

Chances are you've heard one of their songs on the radio recently and they'll be hard to miss Sunday during the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas after dominating nominations.

Miranda Lambert

The group swirls around a nucleus of Miranda Lambert and Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott, fast friends whose positive energy draws in others like moths to a flame.

"I think it's cool because it just kind of started all the sudden," Lambert said. "The new generation is starting to really show what we're about and it's cool that we're really fond of each other genuinely. It's really not about competition with us. We're all happy for each other."

The group includes Scott's bandmates, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, and Lambert's boyfriend, Blake Shelton. Scott has been friends with Taylor Swift since country's golden girl was 14. Lambert and Carrie Underwood are buds, too.

MICHAEL BUCKNER/GETTY IMAGES

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott and fellow country music star Miranda Lambert are good friends despite competing for awards at the Academy of Country Music Awards. Scott's band has seven nominations, while Lambert has six.

Add in Luke Bryan, David Nail and Ashley Monroe and you've got a regular posse. So far the friendship has spawned hit songs and a lot of fresh ideas.

"Everybody's just kind of working for each other and pulling for each other," Shelton said. "That helps a lot. This business is so competitive. When somebody is doing real good and has your back that's one thing, but when everybody's doing real good, kind of shoving each other along, it makes it that much stronger a force."

And a force it is.

Lady A, riding the crossover success of its latest, Need You Now, leads all nominees with seven. Lambert and Underwood are up for six awards and Underwood could become the first woman to win entertainer of the year twice. Swift, the sensation whose multitude of trophies includes entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards, has five nominations.

The Country Music Awards air Sunday night on CBS

Bryan's already won the fan-voted top new solo vocalist of the year, with the help of a hilarious video spot that included some of his buds, and is now up for top new artist. And Nail received his first nomination this year for Red Light in the single record of the year category.

"I'm so proud of my friends," Scott said.

Symbiotic relationships are nothing new in country music. The outlaw movement was a loose confederacy of like-minded friends who encouraged and supported each other. The fast friendship between Reba McEntire and Brooks & Dunn and others helped spur each on to new heights. And there's the Big & Rich crew that includes Gretchen Wilson, among others.

In this latest group, songwriting ideas are often shared freely. Kelley and Haywood have written songs with Shelton and helped Luke Bryan score his first No. 1 hit, Do I. They also teamed with Shelton and Lambert for a song she recorded. And Shelton cut a song penned by Scott and Lambert.

"We all really care about each other and enjoy each other's company and it's not competitive," Scott said. "I think if anything everybody's trying to make and write the best music they possibly can and push each other to be better. It's healthy competition instead of a cutthroat, 'We're better than you' thing. It's really fun."

Lambert and Scott were just acquaintances until they joined Kenny Chesney's tour last year. After spending time on a bus full of boys, Scott moved onto Lambert's bus for a time and the two immediately found out they were "kindred spirits," Lambert said.

"And it's neat because she feels like a girl I could've been friends with in high school, you know, and we just happen to be doing the same job," she said. "We wrote songs together and hung out and had dance parties, and it was just really great."

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Keeping up with the Joneses

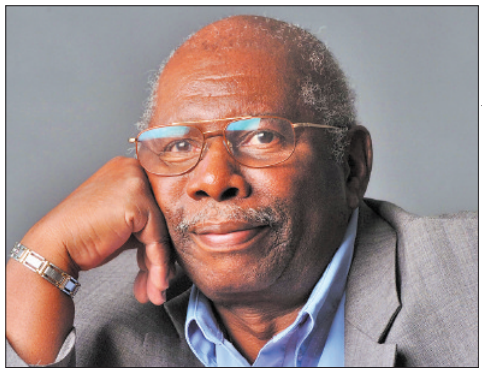
There's a good reason 75-year-old Montreal pianist Oliver Jones cherished the chance to release an album with 91-year-old Hank Jones.

"It's not often that I get the opportunity to play with musicians that are older than me," a laughing Oliver Jones told The Canadian Press in a telephone interview.

"It was quite a thrill for me."

Also a thrill? Jones' chance to win a second consecutive Juno Award for traditional jazz album of the year for the resulting collaboration between he and the elder Jones (no relation).

It's Oliver Jones' 10th career Juno nomination, and he's already won two trophies. If he wins this one, he'll want to thank the other Jones — who won't be present at the show — and then another legendary jazz pianist whose presence looms over the album: Oscar Peterson.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Montreal pianist Oliver Jones, 75, has been nominated for 10 Juno awards and won two of them. Jones' mentor and neighbour was the legendary Oscar Peterson.

Peterson, who died in 2007 at age 82, was Jones' mentor, neighbour and friend with a relationship that spanned more than 70 years. And he served as the partial inspiration behind his latest heralded work.

The album features two powerful renditions of Peterson originals (Blues for Big Scotia and Cakewalk) and Jones' warmhearted tribute to Peterson, written shortly after his death, I Remember OP.

And indeed, there are plenty of memories.

Jones says Peterson lived right around the corner — "about 15 doors away" — when they grew up in Montreal's working-class Saint-Henri neighbourhood. Though Peterson was nine years his senior, Jones became familiar with him from the age of five or six. They attended the same church and Jones listened to Peterson's radio show "religiously."

"He was someone that I saw every day of my life as a youngster, growing up," Jones said.

Jones took piano lessons from Peterson's older sister, Daisy Sweeney and acknowledges the "tremendous impact" Peterson had on his musical career.

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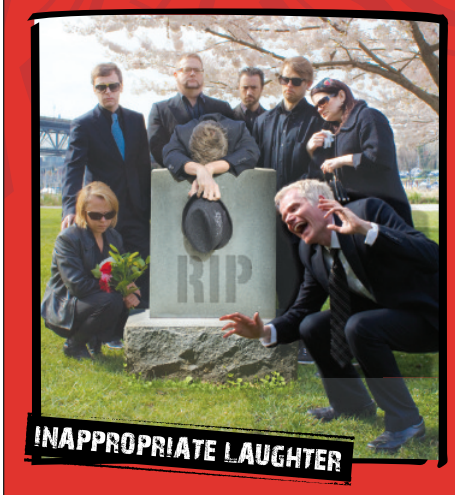

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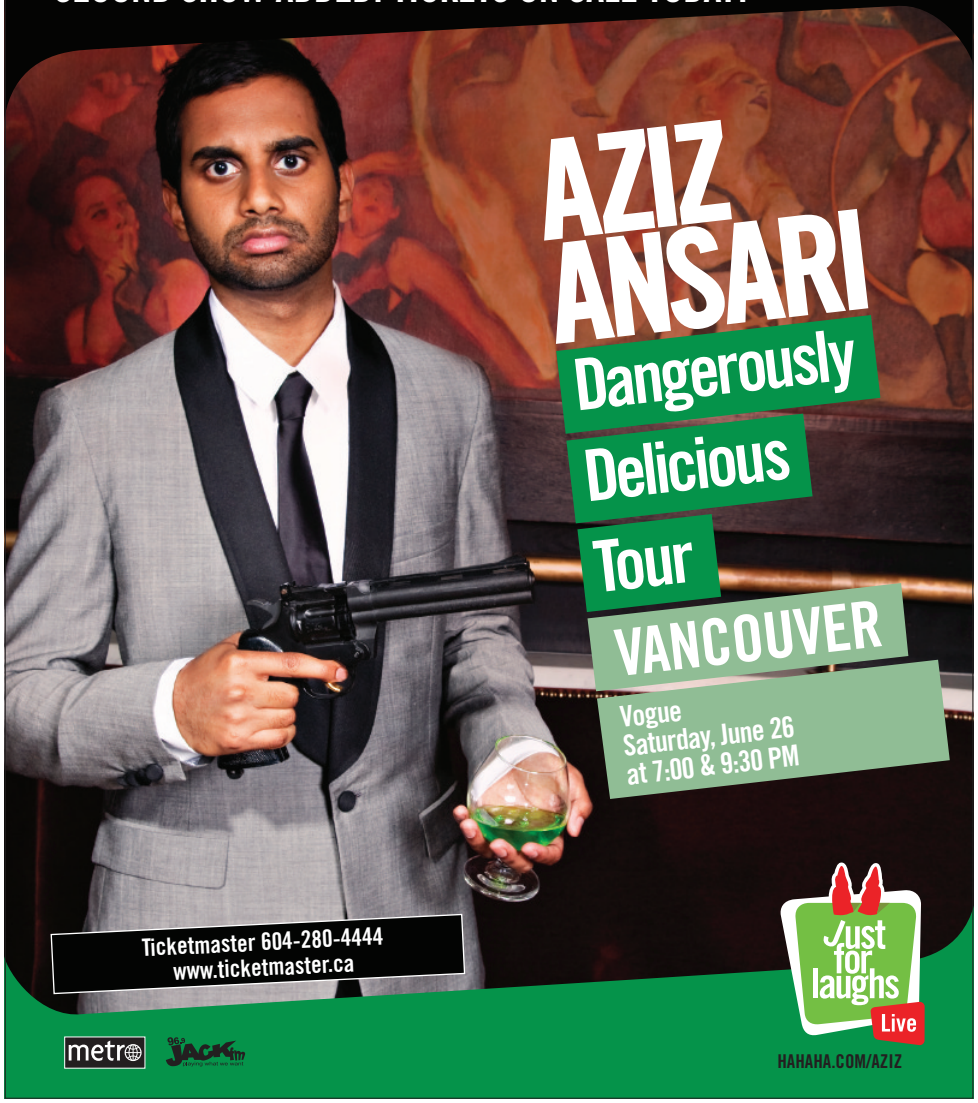
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His babies received to much medication
Dennis Quaid revealed that his newborn twins nearly died after a medical error at a Los Angeles hospital. In 2007, they were accidentally given an overdose of a blood thinner, Quaid said to the Associated Press. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Say yes to drugs, kids

IT'S PART OF RUSSELL'S THEORY OF EVOLUTION Russell Brand thinks heroin would save the music industry, female-first.co.uk reports.

The British comedy actor claims heavy drug use could help the world avoid the "awful music" teen stars such as Justin Bieber are releasing.

"The top of the hit parade would look very different if teenyboppers were exposed to heroin," Brand — who has overcome heroin addiction — told Rolling Stone magazine. "It would weed a lot of them out. I don't think Justin Bieber could handle Syd Barrett from Pink Floyd's habit.

"A lot of people in their journey to rehab overdose, and then, perhaps, we could be spared their awful music. It's Darwinian. It's the law of natural selection."

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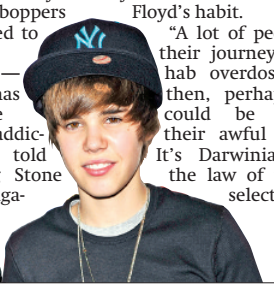

Decidedly not Gleeful

HONESTLY, DOES THIS WOMAN HAVE ANY SENSE OF FUN? While hit TV series Glee will be paying tribute to Madonna next week with an episode devoted to her music, the Material Girl herself won't be tuning in, according to Popeater.

"Madonna doesn't have a TV and has no idea what Glee is," a source says.

"The show did ask her if she wanted to make an appearance in the much-hyped Madonna episode. She said 'no thanks' and, to be honest, she would rather they sing an Elton John song than butcher one of hers."

Whether she watches or not, Madonna will earn a reported $100,000 US in royalties from the episode.

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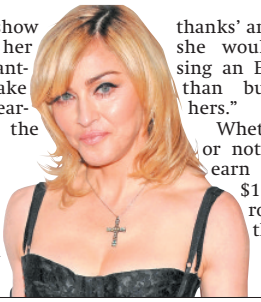

A rehab breakout and a mustache

I WONDER IF CHARLIE'S MISTRESS ASKED FOR A RIDE? Charlie Sheen is reportedly stepping out on wife Brooke Mueller while he's supposed to be in rehab, Radar Online reports.

He's been spotted trying to dodge photographers by wearing a fake mustache, sunglasses and a hood when visiting his alleged mistress Angelina Tracy.

"He's been cheating for a long time," a source says. "He just got caught."

A rep for Sheen tried to explain away the disguise to Access Hollywood, saying, "Since Sheen knew he was being followed and how this would look, he wore the mustache in a tongue-in-cheek disguise gesture."

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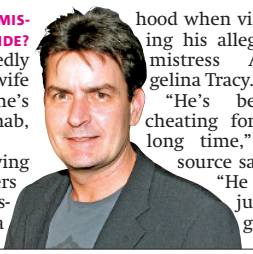

Filling up the space left by a broken heart?

HOPE THIS ISN'T TRUE. THE SMALL-BREASTED LADIES OUT THERE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED After splitting up with Alex Rodriguez, Kate Hudson has been missing in action.

According to Us Weekly, that's because she's been recovering from breast augmentation surgery to enhance her bust. The actress went under the knife in late March, according to the magazine.

"Kate makes jokes about her boobs, but her chest has always been one of her biggest insecurities," a source says.

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Oh The Hef is wise in his ways

AND THOSE WAYS ARE KNOWING A THING OR TWO ABOUT SEX AND WHAT DRIVES MEN (HINT: SEX) Hugh Hefner doesn't believe in sex addiction, female-first.co.uk reports.

The Playboy magazine founder — who has famously enjoyed relationships with multiple girlfriends at the same time — claims the condition is just a "cop out" excuse for adultery.

"I think 'sex addiction' is a convenient phrase for what is really an obsession," he said. "Sex is not like a drug or alcohol. It doesn't affect the physicality in the same way. But it can become very obsessive. Neurotic people can do very foolish things.

"People make choices. Most people who cheat do it because they think they can get away with it."

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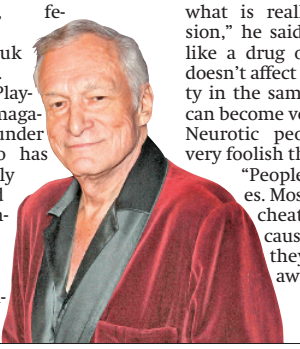

Hey, Gossip Girl here ...

AND I HAVE THE BIGGEST NEWS EVER. THERE'S A VAMPIRE SNEAKING AROUND IN NEW YORK Despite a rumoured relationship with Twilight co-star Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson is reportedly spending time with newly single Gossip Girl star Leighton Meester, according to In Touch Weekly.

Pattinson was recently spotted at Meester's New York apartment.

"He ducked out of the building and hopped into a waiting car. He apparently spent the night with Leighton, and didn't want anyone to know," a source says, adding that their alleged affair has included steamy text messages as well.

"She's having a texting romance with him, and is so into it. She talks with Rob almost daily."

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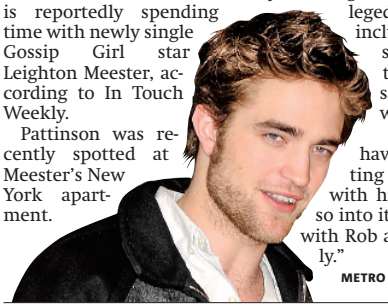

Five months and out the door

MAYBE THEY SHOULD HAVE GOT THEIR DATE BOOKS OUT BEFORE MAKING A BABY After more than a year of dating and seeing the birth of their five-month-old daughter, Mel Gibson and Oksana Grigorieva have split up, according to People magazine.

"They just drifted apart," a source says.

"They're both working hard on their careers and trying to raise a sweet baby together. They're still friends and they'll both raise Lucia together."

Sources insist the split was amicable.

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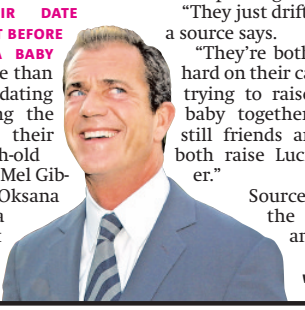

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Melissa separates from her wife

CELEBRITIES ARE JUST LIKE US! THEY SHOP AT GROCERY STORES AND PUMP GAS AND THEIR MARRIAGES FAIL, TOO. Melissa Etheridge has split from her wife, Tammy Etheridge, after more than nine years together.

"Melissa and Tammy Etheridge are saddened to announce that they are now separated," the singer's rep tells People magazine. "We ask for consideration and respect for our family as we go through this difficult period."

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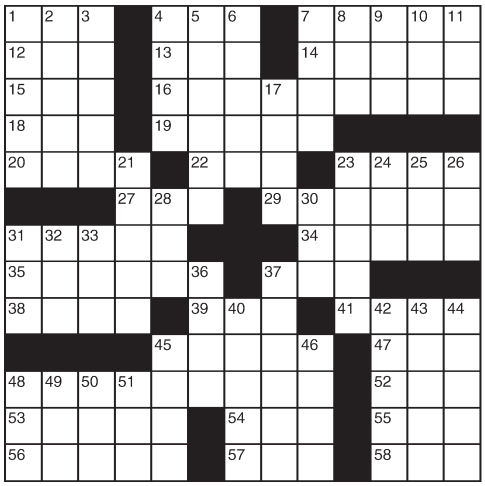

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Turkey Kebabs with Fennel and Red Pepper Relish

INGREDIENTS:

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1 1/2 tbsp (20 m') lemon juice
2 tbsp (25 ml) dry white wine
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh sage, or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried sage, crumbled
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh rosemary
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) fresh thyme leaves, or 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme
1 tsp (5 ml) fennel seeds, lightly crushed
2 1/2 tbsp (40 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
1 red pepper, seeded and finely diced
1 fennel bulb, finely diced
1 tbsp (15 ml) tapenade, or 10 black kalamata olives, pitted and finely diced
8 shallots or pearl onions
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

METHOD

1. Cut turkey into 24 pieces, each about 2 x 3/4 in. (5 x 2 cm). Combine turkey pieces with 2 garlic cloves, 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice, wine, sage, rosemary, thyme, fennel seeds, 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil and salt-and-pepper seasoning. Toss turkey pieces to coat with herb mixture. Leave to marinate at least 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, make relish. Put red pepper, fennel, tapenade or diced olives, remaining garlic, 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) lemon juice and 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) olive oil in medium bowl and stir. Add salt and pepper to taste; set aside.
3. Preheat broiler to high or light barbecue. Thread marinated turkey pieces onto skewers. Add one shallot or pearl onion to each.
4. Broil or barbecue kebabs, turning over and basting with marinade, 15 minutes or until turkey is cooked through and lightly charred in spots. Serve kebabs hot with pepper relish.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You are determined to change your life for the better, but don't try to change everything at once. Too much effort could do more harm than good.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You may find it more difficult than usual to control your desires today but you need to be aware that if you go too far you could burn yourself out.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Stand outside yourself and see your problems for what they really are. In the greater scheme of things they hardly matter at all.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It may seem as if a loved one is withholding their affection but they just think you want to be left alone.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Believe it or not, everything that happens in your life takes place at just the right time. So ask yourself: why are certain things happening right now?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The mind is a powerful tool and if you tell yourself that a task is going to be unpleasant you will create the conditions that make it unpleasant.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may be convinced that a certain viewpoint is right but how do you convince others, especially when the evidence seems to point in a different direction?

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Scorpio is ruled by both Pluto and Mars, planets that don't take prisoners, and you will be noticeably more assertive over the next 24 hours.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are right to be so positive and optimistic, but there is still a lot of ground to cover between here and the place you want to be.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You must expect some rather sharp criticism today from people who envy your abilities. Don't get involved in a war of words.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem as if you have gone as far as you can go with a project, but don't give up on it yet. Something will happen soon that reignites your enthusiasm.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel that some kind of drastic action is called for but the planets urge you to resist the temptation to go over the top.

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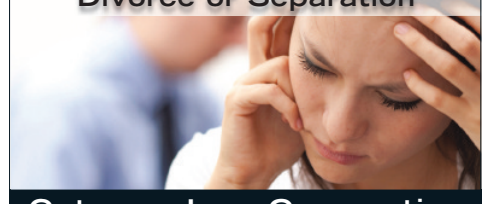

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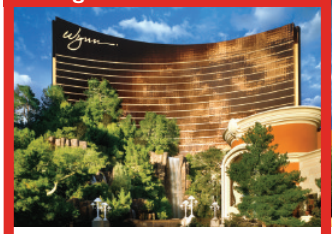

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